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Elizabeth Couture Receives Jr. High Principal's Award

The Principal's Award is presented in June to the eighth grade student who is deemed by the faculty to have been the most outstanding student during their two years at Agawam Junior High. The faculty bases its decision on the fact that the student is well liked by other students and staff, and has demonstrated the following: *good conduct; good school spirit; helpfulness and cooperation; involvement in school activities; contribution to school and community; trustworthiness; reliability; and promptness; respectful attitude toward people and property.*

This year's winner of this prestigious award is **Elizabeth Couture**. Elizabeth was selected among a field of extremely qualified candidates for her academic excellence, school and community involvement, and overall dedication and integrity to all that she is involved in!

First and foremost, Elizabeth shows what a top-notch student she is by being a member of the National Junior Honor Society, an honor reserved only for those students at the Junior High who have made a commitment to maintaining A's and B's throughout the year. She also uses her knowledge to

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ELIZABETH COUTURE (second from the left), a departing eighth-grader from Agawam Junior High School, was this year's recipient of the prestigious "Principal's Award" for being the school's most outstanding student. Elizabeth is holding the award with Junior High Principal Kevin Littlefield (far left) while her proud parents, Joan & Les Couture, look on.

Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

On The Veterans' Green...

Cultural Council & Rotary Club Sponsor Entertainment Series

by Jen Niedziela
Feature Writer

Bringing music, movies, and fun family entertainment to Agawam, the 2000 Summer Entertainment Series kicks off on Wednesday, July 5th. Bringing local and national talent sponsored by local businesses to the Veterans' Green in Agawam Center on Wednesday and Saturday nights, the series is sure to be a success.

Starting on July 5th, the first performance comes from "The Sounds of Music Singers." A group from Agawam, this 17-member vocalist ensemble will bring easy listening and classic showtunes to the stage. Sponsored by **Berkshire Power**, the group also plans to play a millennium tribute.

Before the show on July 12th, the CRANKERS car show will be held. Come see all the vintage cars before the music starts. On stage that night, "Tom Sanders and the Hornets" will perform their jump-swing and blues music. Based in Harford, the Hornets won the Connecticut Blues Society "Best Blues Band" competition in 1996.

"Wildest Dreams," Boston's renowned calypso and reggae band, graces the stage on July 19th. It fea-

V&F Auto "Keeps Education Rolling"



FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR, V&F Auto on Springfield Street, Agawam, presented the Agawam School Department with a check representing two percent of its total gross from those customers participating in the "Keep Education Rolling" program. Owners and operators Frank & Sheila Palange gave the check to Donald J. Charest (far right), Associate Superintendent

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enrich her peers by tutoring in math and French.

Although upholding good grades took a lot of Elizabeth's time and effort, she somehow managed to be heavily involved in several school clubs and activities. She belonged to the Non-User's Club, the Writer's Club, was a Cadre member, and performed in this year's Drama Club performance. If that wasn't enough, she was a member of the school band and performed with the Concert Band, playing the oboe, and with the Jazz Band, playing the tenor saxophone.

As a member of the Unitarian Universalist Society of Springfield, Elizabeth is an active member of her senior youth group. Her group is involved in various charitable activities throughout the community, global charities and causes, and they are planning a conference with other regional youth groups concerned with the same issues.

You would think this outstanding youth would never have time for herself, but she does find time to engage in activities that she enjoys, such as dancing, drawing, and sketching (especially cartooning), and babysitting. She can also be found volunteering at her sister's home gymnastic club meets, lending a helping hand wherever she may be needed.

As the saying goes, "Mom always knows best," and this was certainly the case when Elizabeth's mom, Joan Couture, commented, "In a few words, I'd like to say that I admire Elizabeth for her ability to learn. I respect Liz for her kindness, confidence, and sense of humor. She is self-motivated in her pursuits. On her own, she has chosen to participate in activities that promote personal growth and service to others."

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Regular Council Mtg. Agenda For July 5th

1. Citizen's Speak Time.
2. Roll Call.
3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 6/19/00.
5. Declaration from Council President.

6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances.

(a) Resolutions

1. TR-2000-34- A Resolution Amending Council Rule #9 Filing Deadline concerning Submission to Solicitor (Coun. Bitzas, Bonavita) (Tabled on 6/19/00).
2. TR-2000-35- A Resolution Authorizing the Posting of the Warrant for the State Primary Election of September 19, 2000 and the State & Presidential Election of November 7, 2000 (Mayor).

7. Report of Council Committees.

None.

8. Elections.

None.

9. Public Hearings.

None.

10. Old Business.

(a)

1. TOR-2000-5-An Ordinance to Amend Ch. 36 entitled Smoking in Public Places (Coun. Morassi, Rossi) (3rd Reading).
2. TO-2000-41-Application for Licence for one (1) automatic amusement device (Machine #49) for Six Flags New England West, 1623 Main St., Aga., MA (Tabled on 6/19/00).
3. TO-2000-44-Transfer-\$36,500 from DPW-Water Division-Water Surplus Fund (60100-313110) to DPW-Water Division-Southwick Street Water Line Extension (Mayor).

Some Tips For A Safe And Happy Summer

The Massachusetts State Fire Marshal offers the following tips for a safe and happy summer:

BARBECUE SAFETY

* Use all barbecue grills away from the house in the backyard.

* Supervise children whenever any grill is in use.

* Never use gasoline on any grill!

GAS GRILLS

* Keep all LP-gas outside, three feet away from building openings such as doors, windows, dryer vents, and air intake vents. Gas grill containers must be kept at least five feet away from possible ignition sources, such as air conditioners, compressors, cars, and pilot lights. It is recommended LP-gas canisters be 10 feet away from the house, if possible, especially when in use.

* LP-gas grills are not permitted inside or on balconies above the first floor of any building, where people live.

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* LP-gas is heavier than air and sinks. A leaky grill could pose a hazard to people below.

* Make sure all connections are tight and secure.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

* Use only charcoal lighter fluid to start chemical grills.

* Once the coals have been lighted, never add more lighter fluid to the fire - flames may travel up the stream of lighter fluid, resulting in serious burns.

BURN FIRST AID

* "Stop, drop, and roll" to extinguish a clothing fire.

* Cool a burn. For minor burns, run cool water immediately over the burn.

* Seek emergency medical help immediately for more serious burns.

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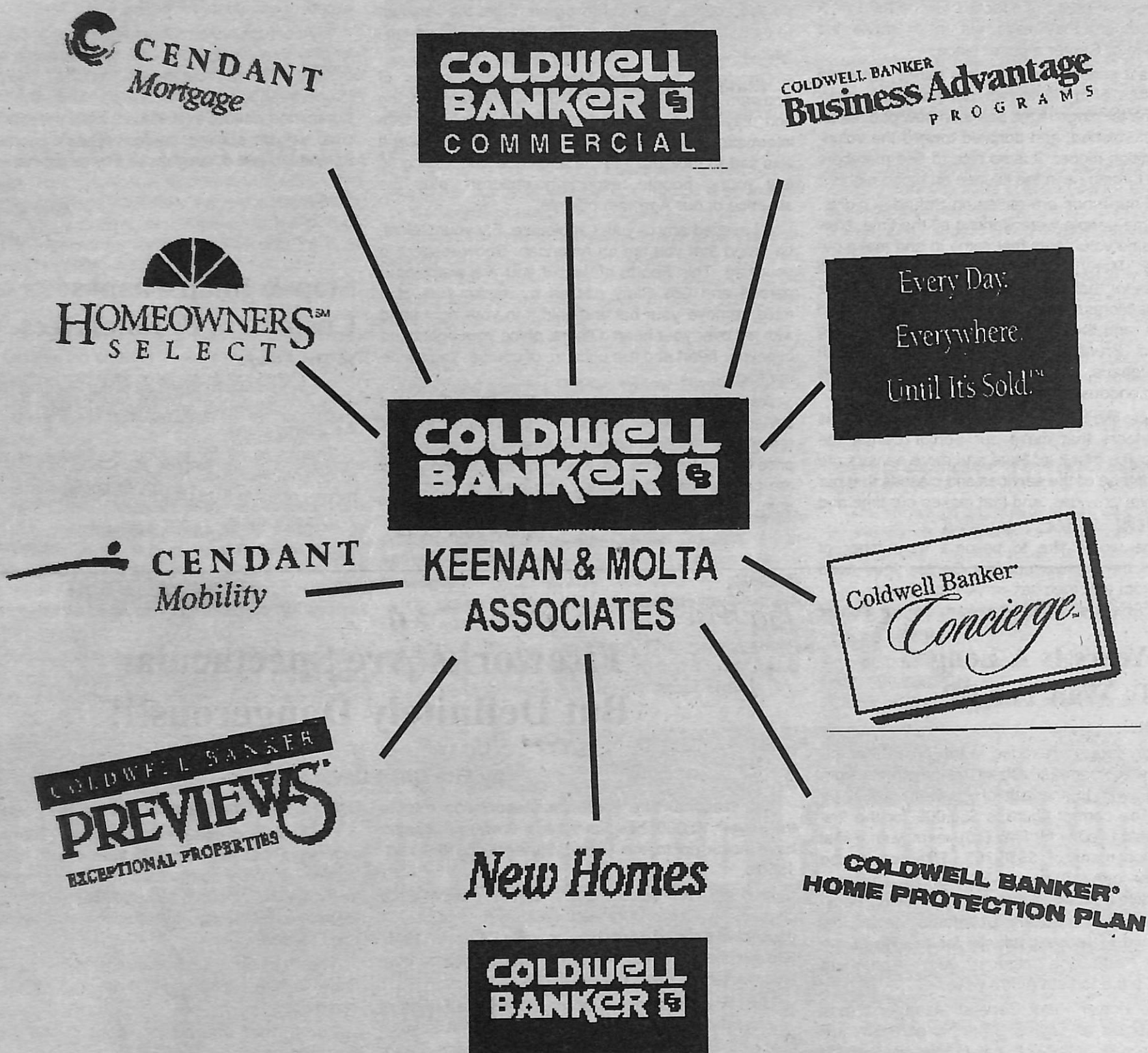
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Letters To The Editor

"Friends" Of Senior Ctr. Appreciate The Support

To The Editor:

What a great season we have had. First, we would like to thank all of our members for joining "Friends," and the "Friends" board of directors for the hard work and many hours they have put in to make the Agawam Senior Center a better place.

In the past season, among other things, we have put a new freezer in the kitchen, purchased an emergency phone for bingo night, bought a new pool table, had one refurbished, and donated toward the volunteer recognition dinner. It is so nice to see members come forth to help us in the kitchen on bingo nights.

Much of our funds are raised on Saturday nights, and the same people were working all the time. Now we have some volunteers that come in and make our work lighter. Many thanks to Monique Coman and Kathy Sears for their help. A big thank you also goes out to Bruna Morassi, who made us a beautiful afghan to raffle off, and then came forth to pull the winning ticket for us. Bruna has helped us in the past with beautiful afghans. Her talent and generosity have helped tremendously.

It is people like Bruna, Monique, Kathy, and all the other volunteers that make our Senior Center the wonderful place that it is. More and more seniors are taking advantage of the services and classes that our Senior Center provides, and that makes our time and efforts worth it.

If anyone would like to become a member of "Friends" of the Agawam Senior Center, they need only to contact any member, or visit the Center.

"Friends" of the Agawam Senior Center

Forty Years Is A Long Time To Wait For BP

To The Editor:

It was erroneously reported in the press that the first of forty (40) annual scheduled payments from Berkshire Power to the city of Agawam would be \$110,000. The correct figure is \$50,000 for the first year, increasing yearly for forty (40) years, with a final scheduled payment of \$316,703. Total scheduled payments for forty (40) years - \$7,416,771. This payment schedule is what is referred to as being back-loaded, meaning that the payments begin low (\$50,000) and increase gradually for the life of the agreement, with the highest yearly payment (\$316,703) in the fortieth (40th) year.

Berkshire Power Plant General Manager, Frank Basile, is quoted as saying, "That his company still plans on following through on its promise, which includes \$3.3 million for the library." Berkshire Power made an agreement with the city; it is not a promise, but a legal obligation that they entered into with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The agreement with the ZBA states "forty-five percent (45%) of said annual payment shall be appropriated to the Agawam Public Library for utilization to fund capital improvement projects, equipment acquisition, and the procurement of library books, supplies, and materials." Year one of the forty (40) scheduled annual payments to the library will be \$22,500 out of the scheduled \$3,337,547 total library payment.

The same scheduled payment format also holds true for the Recreation Improvement portion of the agreement, with a first-year payment of \$20,000 out of a total scheduled forty (40) payments of \$2,966,708.

It is hoped that the total \$7,416,771 that Berkshire Power agreed to pay after 40 years will be realized by the city, but forty (40) years is a long time.

Respectfully,
Karl Stieg
Agawam

Pay Respect To Those Who Gave Us Freedom

To The Editor:

Warren L. Parker's letter to the editor of the Spfld. Union News on Monday, June 19th about showing respect for our American flag, took the words off the paper in my typewriter. I hope others read the article and will fly the Stars & Stripes, not only on Memorial, Flag, and Veterans days, and the Fourth of July, but every day.

Our flag is a symbole of everything our country stands for. If you believe that, you will fly our flag every day.

You see those other flags displayed for Valentine, Easter, Halloween, and Santa Claus; but very seldom do you see the one flag that gave them the freedom to fix those seasonal flags. The Stars & Stripes isn't seasonal.

On June 14th, the Memory Lane Chorus of Agawam gave a wonderful Flag Day program, singing and playing 14 songs about Old Glory, plus a little information about the history of our Stars & Stripes. It was sad to look out into the audience and seeing so few young people, especially children, plus the absence of our Agawam officials.

If I missed any of you, I apologize. Fly your Colors, be proud that you are an American. Show respect to your flag. This Fourth of July, if you are watching a parade and Old Glory passes by, make sure, if a male, remove your hat and hold it in your right hand with hat over your heart. Others, place your right hand over your heart and if in uniform, of course, you salute our flag.

Also, if a band is playing *The Star Spangled Banner*, you follow the same procedure. Always remember, "freedom was NOT free." Others paid the price for our freedom. So, when you fly Old Glory, you are paying respect to those who gave us that freedom.

Show your Colors,
Rose M. Haynes
Agawam

FireWise...

Fireworks Are Spectacular But Definitely Dangerous!!!

by Fire Chief David Pisano

The National Fire Protection Association reports that over 10,000 hospital-treated fireworks injuries have occurred in the United States since the mid-1980's.

In 1985, for instance, 15 civilian deaths were caused by fireworks-related fires, with another 11 caused directly by fireworks injuries. Also in 1985, \$36.4 million in direct property damage resulted from fires started by fireworks.

Most fireworks injuries occur around the Fourth of July celebration, but are not limited to that holiday. Many other holidays (Christmas, New Year's, Labor

Something Doesn't Make Sense At Agawam High

To The Editor:

I am confused with the procedures involving employment in the Agawam school system. Following the retirement announcement from the principal of Agawam High School, I was under the impression that new candidates would be interviewed and a suitable replacement would be appointed. A portion of this process was followed.

Among the candidates was Marc Costanzi, who has served as vice-principal of Agawam Junior High School for several years. I have known Mr. Costanzi for several years. Based on his proven track record in the Agawam school system, I felt that he was an excellent candidate for principal.

My confusion stems from learning that following a lengthy interviewing process, Mr. Constanzi was dismissed as a candidate by Mr. Ameruoso (Superintendent of Schools) and the School Committee without explanation, while the retiring principal will be staying on for at least another year. Something just doesn't make any sense here.

Sincerely,
Amy Mendreal
Feeding Hills

Stop & Shop Thanks Customers & Employees


To The Editor:

We would like to thank all of our Feeding Hills Stop & Shop customers and employees who donated to the Jimmy Fund.

Thanks to all for making our fundraiser an overwhelming success. Remember, 100 percent of all money goes to fight cancer in children.

Thanks again.

Emilia Miner
Store Manager



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tures a blend of world music with contagious rhythms, powerful vocals, and messages of harmony, having appeared at the World Cup USA '94 at Giants Stadium, New York and the 1995 Boston Globe Jazz Festival. This group has played over 600 shows in 10 years, and keeps on going. "Wildest Dreams" is brought to the Veterans' Green by **E.B.'s Restaurant**.

On Saturday, July 22nd, **Woronoco Bank** presents "Family Fun Night" with a screening of the feature film, "Stuart Little." Based on the E.B. White novel, come watch the story of a little mouse who is adopted by a family. "Stuart Little" is rated PG.

The **Agawam Lions Club** sponsors an evening of Big Band music on July 26th. "The Memories Big Band" will be playing traditional Big Band hits by Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller, and other greats from 30's, 40's, and 50's.

Westbank presents Susan Angeletti, a prominent force in the local rock and blues scene, who will be performing on August 2nd. Angeletti toured nationally with acclaimed bluesman Johnny Winter last year, and promises to put on a great show.

Band and a Movie Night is set up for August 5th. At 7:00 p.m., come watch a tribute to the big hair and polyester. That's right, the six-member "All-Star Dyn-O-Mite Disco Review" will be playing your favorite hits from the long ago disco era. Having started in 1994, the group opened for the "Village People" and the "Trammps" in 1996.

The Big Outdoor Screen Comes To Agawam

After "All-Star," set down your blanket and get set to watch Jim Carrey in one of his most unforgettable roles. On the big outdoor screen and with surround sound, come see "Ace Ventura, Pet Detective," and laugh the night away (rated PG-13). Band and a Movie Night is brought to Agawam by **Dr. Buddy Dennison**.

It's time to polka! On August 9th, the **Agawam Polish American Club** presents "The Eddie Foreman Orchestra." Come watch one of the area's best polka bands play your favorites. E.F.O. is not just a Polka band, though. Their repertoire includes music from the 1940's to the 1990's, Top 40 tunes, Country, and Rock & Roll, all in addition to polka. This five-man, Western Mass. band has been bringing music to the area for over 30 years.

If you like folksy, bluesy music, come watch "Rani Arbo & Daisy Mayhem" on August 16th. Rani, once a member of "Salamander Crossing" has been working



MANY COMMUNITIES IN THE REGION are now using summertime concerts as a way to bring residents together, and the Veterans' Green in Agawam Center will be the site again this summer for the weekly series co-sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Agawam Rotary Club.

with a new group to bring music with a down-home feel to her concerts. Rani's performance is sponsored by **Canary Blomstrom Insurance**.

United Industrial Services brings back the high-energy "Viva Quetzal" for another show this year. Playing 24 different instruments among them, this multicultural group brings Latin rhythms, jazz, funk, folk, and pop to the stage.

The summer of fun comes to a close on August 30th with a performance by "Souled Out," a 10-piece singing and dancing Motown review. Brought back to Agawam by **Westfield Bank** after a successful show last year, "Souled Out" will be playing your favorite Motown and R&B hits, and this is guaranteed to be a great show.

Series Started In 1990

Started in 1990, the Summer Series was originally organized by the Agawam Cultural Council. A four-program series consisting mainly of polka and big band style music, it was aimed towards an older audience, drawing about 1,000 people through the course of the summer.

In 1997, the Agawam Rotary Club gave a grant to the ACC to expand the series, so that it might include more diverse music and attract larger crowds. Now

co-sponsored by the ACC and the Rotary Club, with funding from the state cultural council and from over 80 local businesses, the series has grown to 11 shows, and includes more diverse music, as well as movies.

The series has garnered attention from artists as well, with many great acts being turned down due to a lack of available dates. Bands have come from Los Angeles, Boston, and New York City this year and in previous years. A concentration is placed on up-and-coming artists, and to keep the music diverse, a wide range of music is presented.

Attendance is expected to rise as well. When the series first began, 1,000 people attended over the course of the summer. That number climbed to 15,000 last year, and is expected to keep getting larger.

The shows go on, rain or shine, so bring your family and friends out to enjoy a fine evening of fun. In the event of rain, the shows will be moved to the Middle School or the adjacent Phelps School, depending on the event. The audience is encouraged to bring food and chairs to sit on, as well as bug spray to keep the insects to a minimum.

For more information about the bands or the series, call 789-7393, or log on to the Agawam Cultural Club's website at <http://www.agawamccc.org>.

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Veterans' Corner...

Information Regarding Burial & Memorial Benefits

by Edward Kellogg

Veterans' Agent - 786-0400, Ext. 236/237

This week's topic is burial and memorial benefits, and the following information is something I thought might be of interest to my readers. When one of our veterans dies, the family of the deceased can request a Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC). The PMC is an engraved paper certificate (signed by the current president) to honor the memory of honorably discharged, deceased veterans.

History: This program was initiated in March of 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and has been continued by all subsequent presidents. Statutory authority for this program is Section 112, Title 38 of the United States Code.

Administration: The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers the PMC program by preparing the certificates which bear the President's signature, expressing the country's grateful recognition of the veteran's service in the United States Armed Forces.

Eligibility: Eligible recipients include the deceased veteran's next of kin and loved ones. More than one certificate may be provided.

Application: Eligible recipients, or someone acting on their behalf, may apply for a PMC in person at the VA regional office or by U.S. mail only. Requests cannot be sent via email. There is no form to use when requesting a PMC. Please be sure to include a return mailing address with your request and a copy of the veteran's discharge documents.

Please send your PMC requests to: U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, National Cemetery Administration (403A), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. More information on topics like this can be found on the web at <http://www.cem.va.gov/pmc.htm>.

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Council Approves Budget...

No Cuts Recommended To Mayor's First Spending Plan

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Recommending no cuts to the \$56.5 million spending plan proposed by Mayor Richard A. Cohen last month, Town Council gave a unanimous thumbs up to the 2001 town budget at its meeting last week.

The only speaker to approach the microphone in support of the budget, Cohen told the councilors, "I am very pleased that the budget sub-committees have unanimously approved all of the town budgets as presented."

No one spoke in opposition to Cohen's spending proposal.

In his first budget proposal, Cohen proposed a slight increase in property tax rates boosting town spending to \$56.5 million, an increase of 7.09 percent over last year. Water and sewer rates will remain the same; an override of Proposition 2-1/2 will not be needed, nor will any new fees be created.

"As you are well aware, this budget provides full funding for the Agawam Public Schools in the amount of \$24,403,000. This represents an increase over last year of \$1.4 million. In addition, we will be spending another \$1.4 million to pay down the debt on the school expansions," Cohen said. "The schools and our schoolchildren have been a top priority in preparing this budget."

As chairwoman of the council's sub-committee on the school budget, Councilor Jill Simpson said she was making a positive recommendation on her committee's behalf for the approval of the budget submitted by the School Department. Mrs. Simpson explained that her sub-committee had discussed with-

holding a positive recommendation to the full council if the answers to a list of questions from committee members were not received before the council meeting.

After thanking the School Committee, Cohen, and School Superintendent Frank Ameruso for responding to their questions, Mrs. Simpson added, "We did receive these (answers) in a timely manner."

In a memorandum from the Mayor in his capacity as School Committee Chairman, Cohen said, "The School Committee is pleased to respond in writing to questions and concerns raised by your sub-committee. However, the School Committee was of the understanding that all questions had been previously addressed."

A member of the school budget sub-committee, Councilor Anthony Bonavita said the committee's goal was to keep the lines of communication open between the School Department and the council. "I'd like to clarify that. We're here to try to help the School Committee and the Mayor," Bonavita said. "We're not out to cut the budget. We want to make sure there is adequate funding. That was our reason for asking those questions."

Also a member of the sub-committee, Councilor Gina Letellier said the council is ultimately responsible for the budget and that the councilors get as many calls regarding the library expansion and accreditation issues at the High School as the School Committee members.

Council Vice-President Robert Young expressed

his disappointment and the disappointment of other families that the School Department did not "see fit to go ahead with full-day kindergarten."

Young said he hoped to see full-day kindergarten in the future. "You can be assured I'll be looking for answers to see the progress on that item," Young added.

Capital Expenditures...

Cohen said the town side of the budget shows a modest increase and includes capital expenditures such as:

- * \$375,000 for street and sidewalk improvements;
- * \$100,000 toward the public library expansion;
- * \$125,000 for school technology;
- * \$350,000 to the stabilization fund.

Cohen said he was making the appropriation to the stabilization fund to reduce future borrowing or to help the town through the possibility of a future economic downturn.

"I am placing \$350,000 in the stabilization fund just in case a rainy day should occur," Cohen said. "But, we haven't had much of that lately."

Cohen said he was pleased to report to the townspeople that his budget "suits the needs of all of our citizens and the town remains fiscally sound."

The budget reflects an increase in local aid from the state, steady property tax, new growth, and a modest increase in the property tax levy. Because the

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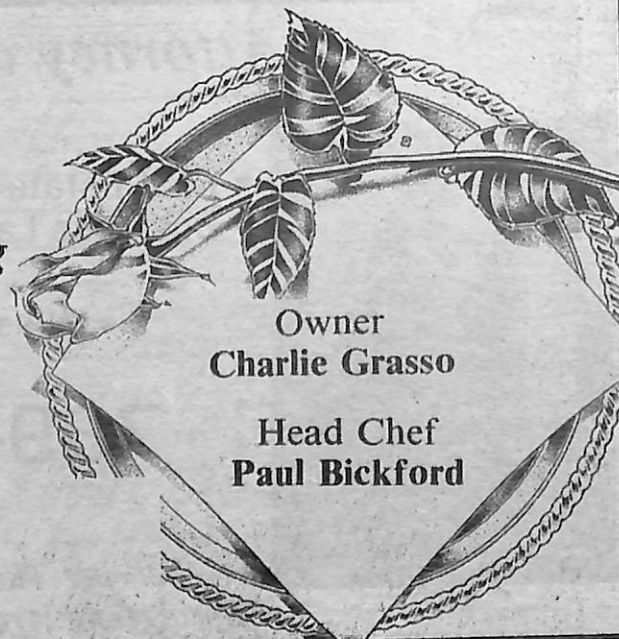
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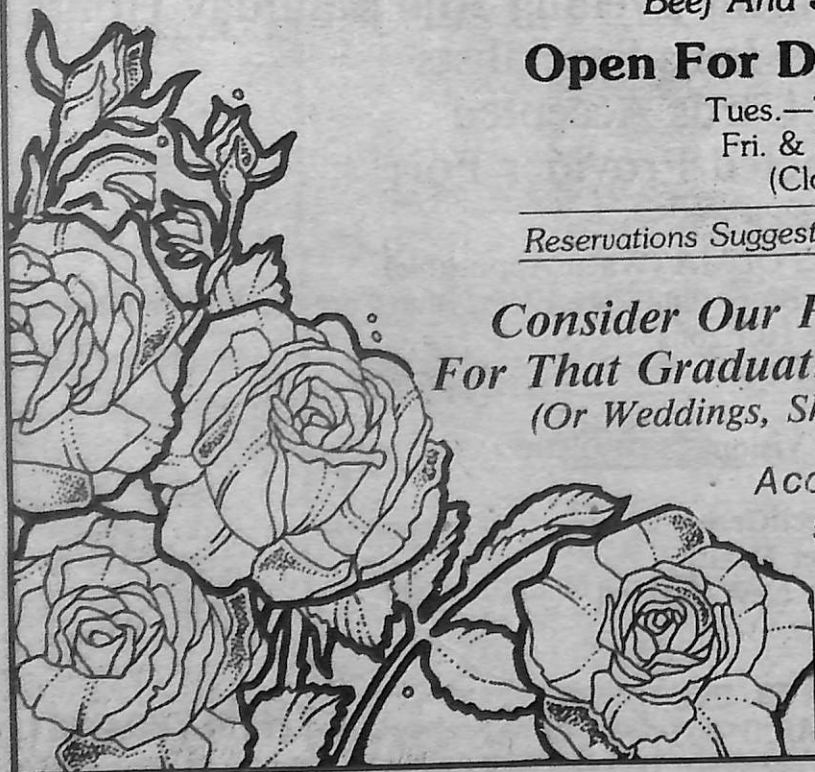
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- Agawam Obituaries -

JEANNETTE L. BOUSQUET

Jeannette L. (Proulx) Bousquet, 86, of Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

She was a former lunchroom assistant at Forest Park Junior High School in Springfield.

Born in Granby, Quebec, Canada, she lived in West Springfield for several years and in Springfield before moving to Agawam 10 years ago.

Her husband, Wilfred Bousquet, died in 1982.

She leaves two daughters, Millie J. Macey of Agawam and Joyce E. Bailey of Maryland; a sister, Eva Eggelston of Springfield; eight grandchildren; and 17 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was private, and Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home of Agawam was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 710 West 168th St. (third floor), New York, NY 10032.

EDWARD J. HARRASUK

Edward J. Harrasuk, 85, of Agawam, died recently at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was an assembler for companies in Hartford, CT, Springfield, West Springfield, and South Hadley.

Born in Suffield, CT, he lived there and in Springfield before moving to Agawam in 1956.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Under the name of Ed Harrison, he was a Triple A pitcher and shortstop with the St. Louis Cardinals organization in the 1950's.

He leaves his wife, the former Lorraine M. Couture, and a son, Edward J. Jr. of Agawam.

The funeral was private, and Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

PARKMAN T. KONGSLIE

Parkman T. "Parks" Kongsli, 77, of Agawam, died recently at a local nursing home.

He worked at American Telephone & Telegraph Corp. for 30 years.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, he was an Army veteran of World War II and a former member of the Sons of Norway.

He leaves a brother, Alf of New York, and two sisters, Virginia McCray of Agawam and Juliet Kingslie of Florida.

The funeral was private and at the convenience of the family. Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Sons of Norway, 1455 West Lake St., Minneapolis, MN 55408.

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EVANGELINE L. MARTIN

Evangeline L. (Ouellette) Martin, 86, of Chester Road, Blandford, died recently at Noble Hospital in Westfield.

Born in Fort Kent, Maine, on January 15, 1914, she lived in Blandford for the past 60 years. She was a graduate of Normal School in Maine.

She previously taught in a one-room schoolhouse in Maine. She was a member of the Russell Ridge Runners Square Dance Group, and a member of the Light and Lively Group at the Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Russell.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Russell.

She was predeceased by her husband, Lucien J. Martin, who passed away in 1980.

She leaves a son, Lloyd J. Martin of Blandford; two daughters, Valerie Liptak of Feeding Hills and Eloise "Ellie" Martin of Washingtonville, New York; two brothers, Lou Ouellet and Rock Ouellette, both of Fort Kent; a sister, Deloris Blanchette of Fort Kent; and six grandchildren.

The funeral will be held on Saturday morning, July 1st, from the O'Brien Hilltown Community Funeral Home in Huntington, with services in Our Lady of the Rosary Church at 11:30 a.m. Calling hours will precede the funeral on Saturday morning from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Burial will be in Blandford Cemetery in Blandford.

Donations may be made to Rev. John P. Gatzak, Executive Director of the Office of Radio and Television, Archdiocese of Hartford, P.O. Box 717, Hartford, CT 06101-8607.

S. ELEANOR WRIGHT

S. Eleanor Wright, 84, of 914 Main Street, Agawam, died recently at home.

Born in Agawam, she lived there all of her life.

She worked at the former Robert W. Kellogg Inc. of Springfield and retired in 1980 from First Bank & Trust Co.

She was a lifetime member of First Baptist Church and belonged to the American Legion Post 185 Auxiliary.

She leaves a brother, Harold S. Wright of Agawam, and nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Thursday morning, June 29th, in Center Cemetery. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Melconian Announces Grants for EBTEC

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce that several Springfield area businesses will receive grants from the state's Workforce Training Fund. Over 1,500 workers at five companies will benefit from more than \$625,000 in grants for new training programs.

EBTEC Corporation, a laser technology company based in Agawam, and Western Bronze, Inc. of Springfield, will use the grants to improve employee skills in production and construction techniques. Chicopee paperboard manufacturer Rock-Tenn received a grant to train over 100 of its employees in the use of new equipment. W.F. Young, Inc. of Springfield plans to re-engineer company processes in an effort to maximize its employees' use of information and technology.

Established in July of 1998, the \$18 million Workforce Training Fund provides resources that allow businesses and employee organizations to train current and newly-hired employees. The training grants, which range from \$5,000 to \$250,000, are awarded competitively to employers, employer organizations, labor organizations, and training providers across the state.

The businesses receiving grants represent a diverse array of industries and the proposals put forward reflect a variety of training initiatives. New equipment training and information technology instruction are among the plans proposed by the grant recipients. Big-Y Foods, Inc. of Springfield plans to train 1,300 of its employees in support of a company-wide technology infrastructure upgrade.

"Training workers is essential in producing a qualified workforce and endowing workers with the skills and tools necessary to be productive in their various businesses," Melconian stated. "These grants will provide local businesses with the resources that they need to invest in the workforce which, in turn, will maintain the strength and viability of the Commonwealth's economy."

"I am delighted that so many of our local businesses have taken advantage of this wonderful opportunity," stated Melconian. "I urge all employers to utilize this state fund and to invest in worker training."

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Anthony Kunasek Promoted By State Of Florida

Anthony W. Kunasek, formerly of Agawam, has recently been promoted to a felony track supervisor for the Office of the State Attorney, 20th Judicial Circuit, Ft. Myers, Florida.

Anthony has been with the State Attorney's office since March of 1995. His new duties include overseeing seven felony attorneys as well as prosecuting specially assigned cases.

Currently, Kunasek has two first degree murder cases pending, one of which is a baby killing case, and an attempted murder on a law enforcement officer case. Kunasek is a member of the local bar association as well as the Florida Prosecuting Attorney's Association.

He is the son of Louise Kunasek of Ft. Myers Beach, Florida and the late David G. Kunasek and is a 1985 graduate of Agawam High School.

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residential property tax dropped 89 cents last year, the net effect of this year's tax increase will result in a property tax rate that will still be lower than in 1997, 1998, and 1999. The residential tax rate is expected to increase by 30 cents.

Last month, Cohen said his budget proposal would ensure that the town would continue to provide high-quality services at a modest cost to the taxpayers.

"What we're doing with that 30 cents is a lot; I wanted to have Mercedes services at Dodge prices," Cohen said. "I want to make sure the taxpayers' money is spent wisely."

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ANTHONY W. KUNASEK

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Info. Sought On Medal Of Honor Recipient

During a recent trip to the Freedom Foundation, a visit was made to the Medal of Honor Library by members of Wilson Thompson Auxiliary Unit 185. Members found that there had been one recipient from Agawam.

"Edwin Leonard, Rank and Organization: Sergeant Company 1, 37th Massachusetts Infantry. Place and Date: Near Petersburg, VA. June 18, 1864. Entered Services at Agawam, MA. Date of Issue of Medal of Honor: August 16, 1894. Citation: Voluntarily exposed himself to the fire of a Union Brigade to stop their firing on the Union skirmish line."

Anyone having more information regarding Edwin Leonard, please contact Auxiliary President Mary Ellen Morissette at 789-7278.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

CHART OF APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL YEAR 2001 BUDGET

ADOPTED JUNE 19, 2000

DEPARTMENT	Personnel Services	Purchased Services	Supplies	Capital Outlay	TOTAL
GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET					
Council	\$90,500	\$15,500	\$350	\$0	\$106,350
Mayor	\$219,067	\$800	\$0	\$0	\$219,867
Administrative Building	\$62,743	\$160,075	\$0	\$0	\$222,818
Law Department	\$41,800	\$84,500	\$0	\$0	\$126,300
Auditor	\$107,357	\$200	\$0	\$0	\$107,557
Clerk/Elections	\$164,351	\$1,150	\$0	\$0	\$165,501
Assessor	\$148,664	\$152,336	\$0	\$0	\$301,000
Data Processing	\$129,368	\$650	\$0	\$0	\$130,018
Treasurer/Collector	\$220,349	\$40,245	\$0	\$4,800	\$265,394
Police Department	\$2,921,574	\$49,093	\$15,130	\$95,404	\$3,081,201
Fire Department	\$2,472,049	\$77,857	\$30,700	\$108,167	\$2,688,773
Inspection Services	\$198,609	\$1,150	\$1,300	\$0	\$201,059
Health Department	\$335,118	\$4,411	\$2,600	\$0	\$342,129
Community Development	\$102,159	\$850	\$0	\$0	\$103,009
Library	\$541,845	\$52,250	\$132,000	\$10,805	\$736,900
Parks & Recreation	\$112,946	\$15,171	\$2,152	\$20,000	\$150,269
Council on Aging	\$235,965	\$60,050	\$3,000	\$0	\$299,015
DPW Administration	\$80,485	\$300	\$50	\$0	\$80,835
Highway & Grounds	\$865,301	\$240,155	\$239,220	\$170,355	\$1,515,031
Motor Vehicle Maintenance	\$143,176	\$42,439	\$231,930	\$5,330	\$422,875
Engineering	\$156,797	\$13,980	\$3,325	\$500	\$174,602
Building Maintenance	\$1,512,883	\$936,675	\$101,800	\$14,950	\$2,566,308
Agawam Public Schools					\$24,452,358
Line Items					\$10,349,838
TOTAL - GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET					\$48,809,007
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET					\$1,140,000
SELF SUSTAINING DEPTS					
Wastewater	\$392,730	\$1,917,132	\$37,250	\$32,244	\$2,379,356
Water	\$581,468	\$1,213,797	\$204,105	\$33,718	\$2,033,088
Golf Course	\$321,004	\$301,890	\$160,600	\$29,000	\$812,494
TOTAL - SELF SUSTAINING DEPTS					\$5,224,938
TOTAL - ALL DEPARTMENTS					\$55,173,945



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Agawam's "Music Man" Plays On And On And On...

by Kathy Shepard
Feature Editor

After years of directing the music of other composers, Darcy Davis, Jr. presented a composition of his own on Flag Day, June 14th, at the Agawam Senior Center. The performance was open to the public, free of charge, and introduced "Flag Song," by Darcy Davis, Jr., as the surprise promised in previous announcements.

Davis can also be heard performing with the Memories Big Band on July 26th at Veterans' Green as part of Agawam's Summer Entertainment Series. Sponsored by the Agawam/Massachusetts Cultural Council and the Agawam Rotary Club, the series offers vibrant entertainment, open to the public without cost.

Most people in Agawam know Darcy Davis for his years of constant leadership, coordination, and guidance in the field of music as music director of the Agawam schools. Davis has also worked in virtually every capacity with the regular band, the jazz band, musicals, contests, selection of lead actors and actresses, stage choruses, pit choruses, color guards, and everything related to successful musical and dramatic productions.

He has loved music for almost as long as he can remember. He started as a drummer when he was four years-old. "I loved Big Band music, songs by Frank Sinatra and Doris Day, to name just a few," Davis told us.

During his childhood, Davis lived in North Adams. His father had grown up in Montpelier, Vermont, where band concerts were held on the steps of a large hotel building near the capitol.

Steeped in music from all sides, including a great-uncle who was in a drum and bugle corps called the Montpelier Legion Drum Corps, Davis went with his father to the American Legion National Convention, a 12-hour parade in Boston in the 1930's.

It was learned that their mailman was the drummer for the local movie theater's band, so young Darcy

took lessons from him, practicing on a wooden chair. He finally got his own drum set. "My neighbors could tell when I was home," he chuckles.

Davis joined the local Boy Scout troop, and his dad became a scoutmaster. For discipline, his father coordinated a drum and bugle corps, and Davis became a drum instructor. The activity helped the kids to focus, while getting energy and enjoyment.

"My father was kind of strong-willed. This was around 1939, but he wanted a girl drum major and he got his way," says Davis. Davis keeps neat, organized photo albums and has a picture of the girl drum major. They went to a different town every week, becoming proficient in other scout activities, such as First Aid and knot-tying.

Davis' dad also wanted to change to blue uniforms for the drum and bugle corps. Unable to get approval from the scout council, he got blue uniforms anyway. The council began to put obstacles in his way at other turns, so he took all those who wanted to go with him to a VFW post, which needed buglers.

Davis Becomes A Bugler...

So Davis became a bugler and fell in love with the playing of Harry James. He was also a member of his high school band, playing drums for them and for a swing band. For his last two years, he played trumpet for the regular band and then enlisted in the Army Air Corps as an air cadette.

"If you passed the screening, such as motor skills, you could train to be a pilot, but I did not get to the testing point because there was no room for trainees. I was sent to Massachusetts State (now UMass) for pre-cadette training, which consisted of regular college courses, such as engineering and meteorology. I was there for three semesters."

Davis organized a band for the cadets, bugled students awake, and played "Taps" at night. He finally got to basic training in Texas, got screened, qualified as a navigator, but could go no further because Germany surrendered and the training was closed to new people.

He chose B-29 school, an electronics type of competency for planes with remote-control guns. He pursued this career and got a tentative appointment in the summer of 1945 to B-29 school, ironically just in time for Japan's surrender. He got a letter from the commander of the Air Force giving the choice to go to flight school or to go home. Davis, like many others, went home.

He enrolled in Williams College under the G.I. Bill and commuted from home, entering as a sophomore. He signed up for Reserved Officers' Training Corps at Williams, a two-year program, and got a Reserve Commission in the Air Force as a lieutenant.

Williams did not have a music major, so Davis took

English and signed up for all the music courses he could and played in the orchestra, the band, the dance band, and joined the Glee Club.

At home in North Adams, the Berkshire Rangers (a senior drum corps) were formed from Boy Scouts, VFW, and the American Legion, and they won the New England Championship at Riverside Park (now Six Flags) in 1947. At the Lawrence, Massachusetts contest for drum corps, Davis met the national champions, the Norman Prince Drum Corps, whose playing inspired him tremendously.

A position opened for Davis at Tabor Academy in Marion, MA (near New Bedford), for a part-time English teacher and music director. "Either I was very bad at English or very good in music, because they made me full-time music director my second year there." The down side was a decision to leave the Berkshire Rangers due to the distance.

In 1949, Davis joined the Norman Prince Drum Corps and went to Miami, where they won another (their third) national championship. "What an exhilarating experience," Davis chimes. "There were 32 bugles, four of which were high soprano, known as 'obligato.'"

Davis wanted to continue to do even more musical things and to get his degree. He mentioned this to the Tabor Academy headmaster during his third year, and also spoke with the director of the Norman Prince Drum Corps, who was friends with the dean of the College of Music at Boston University.

As a result, Davis was hired as director of the R.O.T.C. band and the assistant director of the university marching band. He could take a full load of classes toward a degree. He was also drill instructor for the nearby Lynn English High School band.

However, it was time to get a full-time job because he was getting married. He became the Bennington High School band director for three years and finished up his music degree by taking courses at Columbia, Boston University, the University of Connecticut, and Harvard. Nonetheless, he was teaching from a cubby-hole office with no prospect of more space.

A Job Opening In Agawam Schools...

The job opened up in the Agawam schools in 1955, and Davis became the band director. Davis was asked if he would mind also taking over the Agawam High chorus for a while. The "while" turned out to be nine years.

Mary Callahan, a former student of Davis, had been working at Agawam Junior High School and gradually worked into the High School to help with teaching music. It was recommended to Davis that he put on a Gilbert and Sullivan production, so he went to

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AGAWAM'S MUSIC MAN, DARCY DAVIS entertains the crowd during the Wednesday, June 14th Flag Day concert he both coordinated and performed in.

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New York and saw "The Pirates of Penzance." It was too elaborate to present as a play, so it was done as a concert at AHS.

"I had no idea there was so much involved," he recalls. "Costumes, scenery, the need for a tenor, which we did not have, and limited time to use the stage for practice, all taught me that you have to have lots of help. Lights, the need for a drama coach, and other concerns caused me to settle on a little play, 'The Count and the Co-ed.'"

From the first play until 1976, plays like "Lil Abner," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Bye, Bye Birdie," "Bells Are Ringing," "Do, Re, Mi," "The Music Man," "Oklahoma!," "How To Succeed In Business Without Really Trying," "Carousel," "The Pajama Game," "The Sound of Music," "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "South Pacific," "My Fair Lady," and "Dates and Mates" kept families and friends in awe and kept students constructively occupied in inspiration, adventure, and creativity.

A highlight of these years was when Davis "aimed for the stars" by having the AHS band represent Massachusetts in Mason City, Iowa, where the movie "The Music Man" was made. As a celebration, Warner Brothers sponsored a national contest and one band from each state was to be represented.

Upon The Urging Of Davis' Wife...

It was Ruth Davis, Darcy's wife, who urged him to enter, so he went to James Clark (who was superintendent of schools at the time) and said he wanted the band to make the trip. Clark approved but said they would have to raise their own money. Davis sent in tapes, photos, and the entry fee, and was sitting in the AHS band room when someone called out, "You have a telegram." The telegram stated, "Your band has been selected to represent Massachusetts!"

Clark told the parents that \$11,000 would be needed. Davis remembers, "The amazing thing was that the whole town raised the money. Tin can drops were everywhere, with the slogan, 'Your Share Will Get Us There!' There even was a spring football game held as a fundraiser. Every group did something to raise money for us.

"The experience was worth everything. The band won an honor for its marching."

The AHS band took "Best Band" and "Best Color Guard" honors in the Columbus Day Parade in 10 of the 12 parades during the 1970's era.

"In the 1980's, we started going to regional festivals, like Montreal, Toronto, Virginia Beach, Hershey, PA, and Washington, D.C.'s Cherry Blossom Festival. In the Quincy Christmas Parade, we took first place six times, my last six years as director. That parade is designated the State and New England Parade

Championship," he said.

Davis himself was elected to the Drum Corps Hall of Fame in 1987, just before retirement. The induction took place at a formal ceremony in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He is also banquet and program chairman of the Drum Corps Hall of Fame, which involves getting entertainers for the Annual Induction Ceremony. This year it will be held in Syracuse.

For some of his early years at Agawam, Davis served as horn instructor for the Marksman Drum and Bugle Corps, but had to give it up because he was asked to be on the national panel of contest judges and has had to be away too often.

"I've had a lot of great things happen to me," he reflects. "I feel fortunate because I have had the help of a lot of wonderful people. I am grateful to have had a venue in which the kids could shine and be great. Whatever successes I have had are due to parents, instructors, administrators, and supporters helping with musical endeavors. I had the training, but they and the band members had to do the work."

Just after retirement, Davis joined the Melody Band, which averages seven or eight people who enjoy playing and want to share music with others. "We play at senior centers and nursing homes. I am also a bugler with the Marksman Alumni Drum Corps."

A few years ago, the Senior Chorus was started in conjunction with an intergenerational program recommended by Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruso. Davis suggested singing songs of the war years as a highlight of the week's activities, with the Senior Center and the High School choruses combining their voices in song.

The senior singers wanted to continue after the performance, so "Memories of Broadway" came about in 1998 with accompaniment by the Junior High School chorus. Last year, songs of World War I were presented for the community - a great event which was open to the public at no cost.

A Legacy And A Legend...

Davis has been more than an inspiration; he has become a legacy and something of a legend. He has consistently dedicated himself to sharing the gift and glory of music and has done so graciously, offering as



DARCY DAVIS, DOING WHAT HE enjoys the most - playing his instrument and bringing music to people. Darcy has been an Agawam resident since 1955.

many events to the public as possible without charge.

In addition to his activities with the school bands, chorus, color guards, and several dozen other occupations, Davis has tapes of every school play, maintains copies of every play's program, and keeps musical scores and other memorabilia well-organized and neat.

Davis met his wife, Ruth, at Roosevelt Stadium at a drum corps contest around 1950. "She made flags and is the ultimate band parent." Their daughter, Lynn, earned an MBA from Northeastern University and is now director of Graduate Admissions at Emerson College.

Their son, Darcy, is a UConn graduate with an MBA in music. He directs the high school band from Rockville/Vernon, CT. In addition to numerous honors and affiliations, he played "Mike" in the 1976 AHS production of "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

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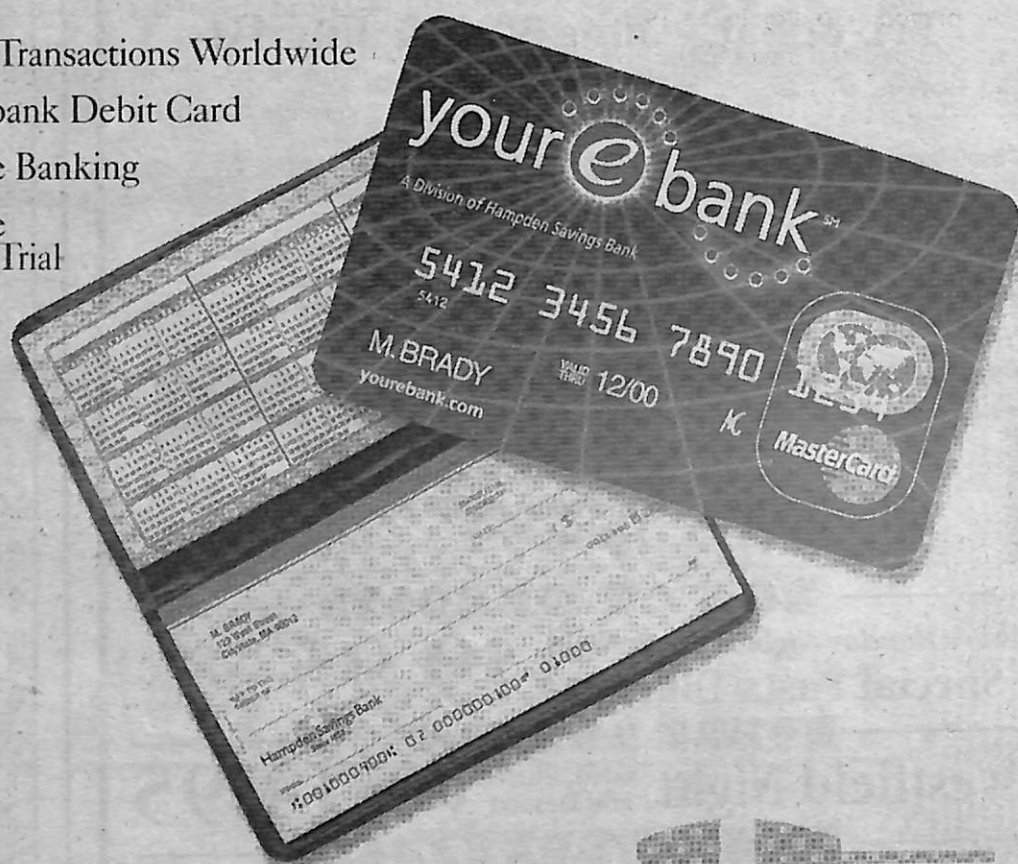
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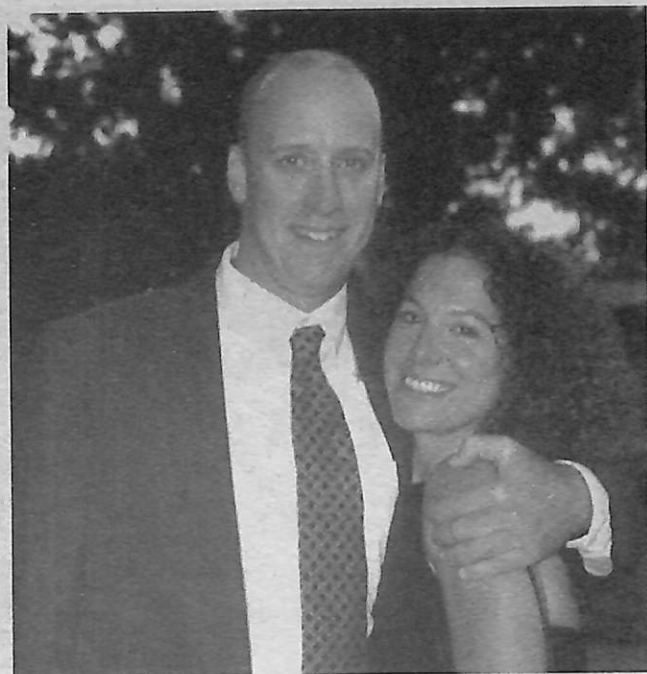
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Steven J. Tencati To Wed Lorie Joiner

Patricia Tencati of Feeding Hills would like to announce the upcoming marriage of her son, Steven J. Tencati, to Lorie A. Joiner. A July 8th wedding is planned.

The prospective groom, a 1978 graduate of Agawam High School, is a welder at Electrode Methods in South Windsor, Connecticut. The bride-to-be is a computer technician at Southwick-Tolland Regional High School and a fitness instructor at Fitness First in Feeding Hills. She is a 1979 graduate of Granby High School, Granby, Connecticut.

The couple will resident in Southwick.

Spfld. Turnverein Announces Summer Activities & Events

A cookout is being held at the Springfield Turnverein, 176 Garden St., Agawam (Garden St. exit off Route 57) on July 15th at 6:00 p.m. and will offer a choice between grilled pork chops or grilled chicken, along with several salads, and desserts. Music for listening and dancing will be provided by Peter Frey.

The cookout will be held rain or shine. Admission is \$8.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 10.

Call Christa at 786-0143 for reservations.

On all Wednesdays during the summer, there will be a Women's Coffee Social in the afternoon at 4:00 p.m. There is no admission charge. On Wednesday evenings, there is Prize Night Bowling at the Turnverein alleys offered to the public. The cost is \$8 for the evening.

The Turnverein bowling alleys are open to the public daily during the summer from 4:00-8:30 p.m.

Members of the Turnverein are now planning the big OKTOBERFEST, which will take place on Saturday, August 19th from 12:00 to late evening. The day will include German foods, crafts, beer, and wine, the Shrine Band playing German music for listening and dancing in the afternoon and a DJ for dancing in the evening.

Many other fun activities are in the planning stages. Save the date and watch for more information.

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ADAM LONGLEY & SENA C. CLARK

Sena Clark To Wed Adam Longley

The parents of Sena C. Clark and Adam Longley are proud to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of Sena and Adam.

Sena is the daughter of Larry & Chris Clark of Enfield, CT. Sena graduated from Enfield High School and Bay Path College. She is currently employed by Sears in visual merchandising. Attending Sena as her maid of honor will be Sophia Knudsen.

Adam is the son of Ron & Sheila Longley of Feeding Hills. Adam graduated from Agawam High School and North Adams State College. He is currently employed by New England Door Closer, Inc., in sales.

The August 5th wedding will be at the Simsbury Inn in Simsbury, CT. A reception there will follow.

The couple will continue to live in Enfield.



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Peg Warner & Eric Brumley To Wed Next Feb.

Carl & Eileen Brumley of Feeding Hills are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Eric Brumley of Agawam, to Peg Warner, also of Agawam, daughter of Madeline Warner of Westfield and the late Leonard Warner, Jr.

The groom-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Agawam High School. He is employed as a technician for Dent Wizard International of St. Louis, Missouri.

The bride-to-be is a 1989 graduate of Westfield High and is employed as an operations coordinator at Olympic Fasteners in Agawam.

A February 24, 2001 wedding is planned.

Benefit Dance For Sadie Walker On Friday, July 7th

A benefit dance in honor Sadie Walker Stanley, who is battling breast cancer, is scheduled for Friday, July 7th from 8:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight at the John Boyle O'Reilly Club, 33 Progress Avenue, Springfield.

Donation is \$15. Music by The Bards will be featured and a raffle will be held.

For more information, call Nora Smigiel (her sister) at 789-3860.

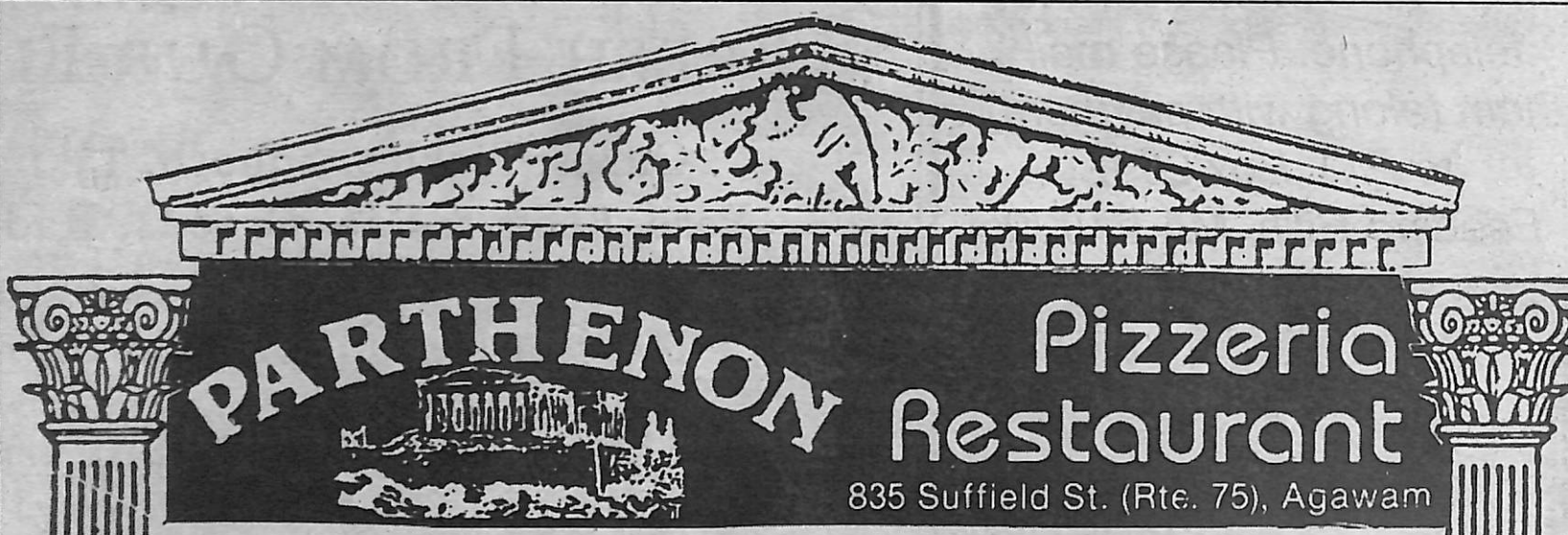
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FATHER'S DAY BROUGHT FOUR GENERATIONS of the Alfano family together (from left): Tony Alfano (holding his son, Anthony), Tony's dad, Michael, and Michael's father, Luigi Alfano.

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Lions Club Installs New Slate Of Officers

The Agawam Lions Club installed a new slate of officers at its June 7th regular meeting at the Lions Den at the Big E. The slate of officers for 2000-2001 is as follows:

President, Bob Germano; Immediate Past President, Chris Johnson; 1st Vice-President, Bob Taupier; 2nd Vice-President, Jack Conroy; 3rd Vice-President, Ron Jean; Secretary, Tom Dacey; Asst. Secretary, Ray Olson; Treasurer, Jack Walsh; Asst. Treasurer, Joe Guy; Lion Tamer, George Schlagel; and Tail Twister, Carl Jakobek.

Board of Directors: Bob Campbell, Jim Loomis, Don Sorel, Roger Sherry, Archie Dellapegorara, and Anthony Bonavita.

Eastern States Committee: Al Taupier, Dick Bassett, Tom Vella, George Favreau, Jim Taupier, Tom Dacey, Bob Germano, Bob Taupier, Ray Favreau, Ed Disco, Jim Loomis, Lyman Simpson, Bill Lownds, Charlie Calabrese, and Chris Johnson.

Ray Olson performed the installation ceremony, which marked the beginning of Bob Germano's tenure as club President. Germano said to his fellow Lions, "I am honored to serve as President of such a fine organization. I pledge to work with each and every Lion to keep our tradition of community service alive."

Outgoing President Chris Johnson said, "It has been a great year. The Agawam Lions Club was voted best club in our district (District 33Y - all of Western Massachusetts); we topped all other clubs in donations to Mass. Lions Eye Research; and we helped many worthwhile local projects. I am grateful to all the members of the Agawam Lions for their help and support, especially my vice-presidents, our great secretary and treasurer, and Jim Loomis and the food committee. I am confident that Bob Germano will do a great job as our new president."

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OUTGOING AGAWAM LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT Christopher C. Johnson (left) congratulates new club President Robert Germano at the club's recent installation banquet over at the Lions Den in West Springfield.

The Agawam Lions Club also awarded a Life Membership to Dick Bassett for his outstanding service to the community and Lionism in general. Bassett has been a member for over 25 years, and has dedicated thousands of hours to help the Agawam Lions Club in its many worthwhile projects.

The Agawam Lions Club also recently honored Al Taupier with a Melvin Jones Fellowship, which is the

highest honor that Lions Club International can bestow on a Lion. Taupier is a long-time member of the Agawam Lions Club who is active in all club events, especially in the chicken barbecue at the Big E. The Melvin Jones Fellowship was presented to Taupier at Ladies' Night in May while his wife, Elaine, and son, Bob (1st Vice-President of the club), were in attendance.

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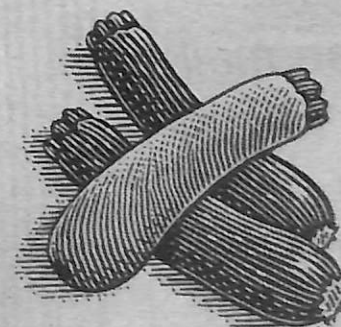
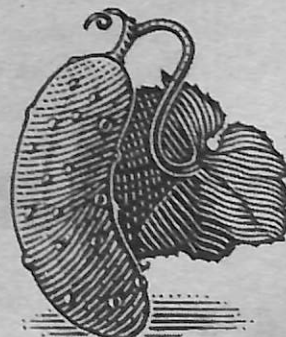
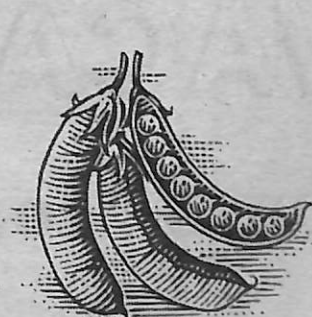
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IN LEFT PHOTO, OUTGOING AGAWAM LIONS CLUB PRESIDENT Christopher Johnson (left) presents long-time club member Richard Bassett (center) with a "Lifetime Membership Award" as Membership Chairman Ronald Weiner (between Johnson and Bassett) and club secretary Thomas Dacey (right) look on. IN RIGHT PHOTO, new officers and directors of the Agawam Lions Club at the recent installation banquet held at the Lions Den in West Springfield on the grounds of The Big E.

Shuffleboard Tournament Slated For July 25th At St. John's Field

The Agawam Senior Center has announced that there will be a Shuffleboard Tournament on Tuesday, July 25th. The competition will start at 10:00 a.m. and continue until there is a winner. It will take place at St. John's Field on Leonard Street. You are asked to bring your own lunch. Beverage and dessert will be provided.

Since this will be our first attempt at a tournament, our format will evolve as we find out how many contestants we have. We hope we will be able to have both singles and doubles. Rules will be posted a week before the tournament. In order to prepare for the tournament, it would be wise to practice in advance.

Janice Schermerhorn will be at the courts every Tuesday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. to help. The game is so easy to learn that new players would be ready for the tournament with a little practice. Players can use the courts at any time. Just pick up the cues, discs, and scoreboards at the Senior Center and return them at the end of play.

Also needed are volunteers as scorers and helpers to run the tournament. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Senior Center. It would be a help if those interested would sign up by July 20th. There should be quite a few shuffleboard players from Florida, the Senior Games, and new players. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

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Agawam Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

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Tuesday, July 4th: Fourth of July holiday (Senior Center closed).

Wednesday, July 5th: Hot dog on a roll, potato salad, cucumber & tomato salad, Fourth of July cake.

Thursday, July 6th: Baked chicken leg, green beans, mashed potatoes, rye bread, Jell-O w/fruit.

Friday, July 7th: Baked scrod, scalloped potatoes, summer squash, whole wheat bread, chocolate pudding.

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Carlo Imelio Guest At UNICO Banquet



CARLO IMELIO (center), the long-time sports writer for the Springfield Union-News and Sunday Republican, was the guest speaker at Agawam UNICO's Annual Scholarship Banquet on June 14th at Alexander's Restaurant. "Beat Carlo" is pictured with UNICO members Joseph Conte, Jr. (left) and Richard Dilullo.



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERS for Agawam UNICO are pictured at the Annual Scholarship Banquet. From left: Dennis Marchetto, Ronald Lalancette, Sal Morassi, Arthur Chase, Richard Morassi, Richard Dilullo, and Joseph Conte, Jr.

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ADAM JEFFREY GAUTHIER

Gauthiers Announce Birth Of First Child, Adam Jeffrey

David and Jennafer (Souders) Gauthier are pleased to announce the birth of their first child, Adam Jeffrey, born May 9, 2000.

Maternal grandparents are Gerald and Margaret Souders of Feeding Hills. Paternal grandparents are Edward and Doris Gauthier of Chicopee.

Expo. Area Golf Tourney Slated For July 9th

The Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship Fund 2000 Golf Tournament is scheduled for July 9th at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

Cost is \$75 per person, and includes greens fees, cart, refreshment lunch, dinner (at the Dante Club), and prizes.

The tournament is a scramble format (make-your-own foursome).

For starting times and application, call Al Paier at 736-3816.

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Question: Is there anything I can do for my poor feet? They sweat and burn in my shoes in the summertime.

Answer: Ah! I think we all know that feeling. Did you know that an average person takes 8,000 to 10,000 steps a day? Those 52 bones, 66 joints, 214 ligaments, 38 muscles and tendons that hold it all together and allow your foot to move about were meant for walking! That does not mean that you should suffer from foot ailments. There are over 300 different foot disorders and so many of these can be prevented. The first major problem is the shoes we wear. Fashion is so important that we seem to put up with discomfort for that great look. This can be the cause for ankle and foot trauma and injury.

The American Podiatric Medical Association notes that symptoms of systemic conditions such as diabetes, arthritis, and circulatory disease often show up

July Events For Golden Age Club, Chap. One

Friday, July 7th: Board of Directors' meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, July 11th: Day trip to Amarante's in New Haven, CT, for a clambake and lobster (plus other foods). Entertainment by the Bourbon Street Trio, etc.

Wednesday, July 12th: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. Tami Nelson, Chiropractic Physician. Her topic will cover health and care, and she will speak on other topics.

Monday, July 24th: A day trip of "dreaming of winning" to Mohegan's Casino.

Wednesday, July 26th: A pleasant day at Stanley Park with White Gloves catering, and an afternoon of playing Buddy Bingo instead of our regular meeting.

Agawam Golden Age Club's (Ch. II) July Calendar

July 5th: Chicken barbecue at Shaker Farms, Westfield. Dinner at 12:00 noon; entertainment by a Barber Shop Quartet.

July 10th: Bus trip to Mohegan Sun.

July 14th: Bus trip to Boston Tall Ships.

July 19th: Regular meeting at 1:30 p.m. at Senior Center. Entertainment by Donald Blair (banjo player).

July 28th: Board meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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first on the feet. These can be seen as dry skin, brittle or thick nails, burning and tingling sensations, and feelings of cold, numbness, and discoloration. If any of these symptoms are familiar to you, then a trip to your doctor should not be put off.

Excessive sweating can cause the growth of bacteria, which in turn can cause foot odor. An anti-fungal powder can be applied to the feet before putting on socks, and wear breathable shoes. If necessary, bring an extra pair of socks with you and change during the day. Make sure your feet are dry first, then put on another application of powder. This can also help with the burning. When you get home, try walking around barefoot or with open sandals.

A little pampering is always a treat, so why not purchase a foot bath. This can be found in most department stores. Add warm water and my favorite, Paul Mitchell Tea Tree Shampoo. This contains chamomile

extract and lavender oil known for soothing; peppermint oil, which is a mild astringent that stimulates and increases circulation; and tea tree oil, which is a natural antifungal agent. Soak feet for about five to 10 minutes, then dry completely before applying liquid foot powder or massage a nice peppermint foot balm onto those overworked feet. Paul Mitchell also has a Tea Tree bar for use in the shower or for travel. If you like to show off those beautiful feet, try a spa pedicure with Melissa. She has been massaging and beautifying tired, overworked feet for almost three years here in our salon. She suggests treating yourself before your long-awaited vacation, or give a gift certificate to someone you think would like to have this special treatment.

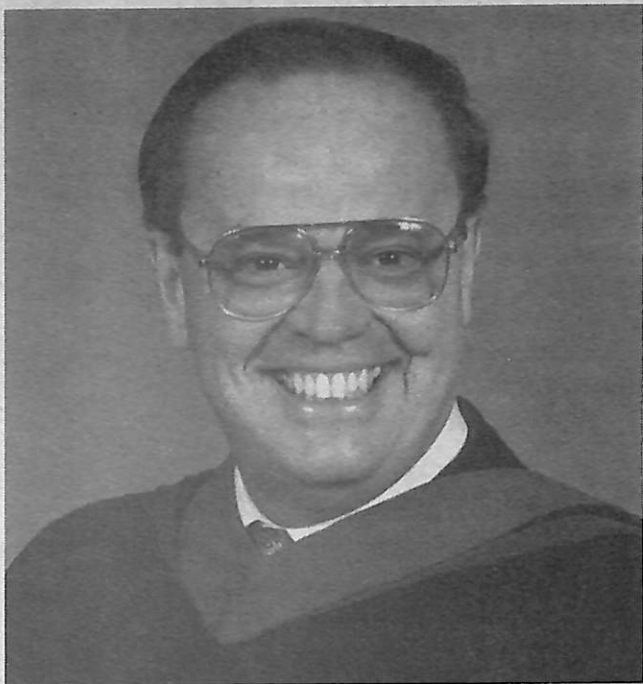
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Church News



REV. EARL E. EISENBACH

Rev. Eisenbach To Begin Pastorate At Agawam Congregational Church

The Agawam Congregational Church has called the Rev. Earl E. Eisenbach as its Senior Pastor. He begins his Pastorate on July 1st. His first Sunday will be an Observance of Independence Sunday, with patriotic hymns and prayer and a sermon on the topic "The American Hour."

For the last seven years, Rev. Eisenbach has been Interim Minister for the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, having been Interim Pastor of Churches in Burlington, Oxford, Washington, Mystic, and Monroe. He and his wife, Barbara, are members of the Order of St. Luke, an international prayer and healing ministry. They both are board members of "The Oratory of the Little Way," an ecumenical retreat center in Gaylordsville, CT, which is affiliated with the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut. He is also a mem-

ber of Churches Uniting in Global Mission, affiliated with the "Hour of Power" and the Crystal Cathedral.

Before Interim Ministry, he was an active lay leader of the First Congregational Church of Fairfield, CT, while he was an Executive Search Consultant for various firms in New York City and West Hartford.

Before his business career, Rev. Eisenbach was an ordained Presbyterian minister and was Pastor of churches in New York and New Jersey, and executive director of the Personnel and Career Counseling Service, a pastoral counseling center affiliated with the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City. Rev. Eisenbach is a graduate of Bloomfield College, New Jersey, and of Princeton Theological Seminary. He is also a graduate of the Westchester Institute.

Parish News And Notes From St. John The Evangelist Church

REGISTRATION FOR SEPTEMBER: The process of registration for next year's classes has begun. Parents of children in first grade are reminded that they have to register their children (they did not receive a note in the mail). If your child was not baptized here at St. John's, please bring a copy of the baptismal record at registration. Registration is \$20 per child before June 30th; during July, \$25; and during August, \$30. There are family rates.

PARISH PICNIC: The Parish Picnic will be coming up on August 27th. Want to help? We are still looking for "dunkies" for the dunking booth. How about some young married couples? Just call Mariann Green at 593-5764.

BIBLE CAMP: St. John's Summer Bible Camp will be July 10th-14th for children ages four through eight. Applications are at the Parish Center. Fee is \$12, with a family maximum of \$30.

ST. JOHN'S BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE: We are blessed at St. John's with (among other things) a very conscientious group who meet regularly to ascertain what needs to be done to keep

our buildings and grounds in good shape. Kevin Hourihan is the chairman of this group and would be happy to welcome anyone who might be available to assist. Help can always be used in the planning stages of projects and/or the physical work of carrying out some of the projects. Interested? Call Emile at the Parish office, 786-8105.

PARISH WEB SITE: We are working on our parish web site. We hope to have it as a useful communication tool, including scheduling for our various ministries, regular activities, and links to useful religious sites and resources. You can find it now in its initial stages at www.stjohnsevanglistchurch.org. We are open to suggestions on ideas to keep the site alive and interesting.

AGAWAM CATHOLIC SINGLES CLUB: This group consists of adult singles who are separated, widowed, divorced, or never married. The group meets on the second Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Next meeting will be July 13th and will feature games. For more info, call JoAnn, 786-0774, or John, 786-2273.

Nocturnal Adoration Society To Meet July 7th

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Saint Ann's Church in West Springfield to conduct and pray the Office of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, July 7th from 7:00-11:00

p.m.

All are invited to come and spend an hour in Eucharistic Adoration.

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Calendar Of Activities From Sacred Heart

VACATION BIBLE CAMP: There is still time to register your child/children who are in grades K thru 6 for "Vacation Bible Camp." It will take place Monday through Friday, July 24th-28th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Parish Center. Come and join us and have a fun-filled week of Bible stories, music, crafts, games, play, and food. You can register at the Parish Center Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or at the Rectory from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The donation is \$10. If you cannot make the stated hours, you may call Mrs. Patterson at 789-6705 and she will tell you when to come and register. Come and have fun!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: Religious Education Registration is during Mrs. Patterson's office hours at the Parish Center or at the Rectory.

ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE: The Rosary for World Peace is recited in the Church each Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. prior to Mass, and each Wednesday morning immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. All are welcome and encouraged to join us in prayer.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 75: Boy Scout Troop 75, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, would like to thank all of you who participated in its Easter Flower Sale. You helped make it a great success. It now allows all of the Boy Scouts of Troop 75 to attend one week of summer camp this year. The Scouts are quite excited. Thank you for supporting the Troop.

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We Can Be Truly Free

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." With these words, America declared its independence from England. For over 200 years, this one sentence has been the backbone of our American political philosophy. Just about all of us truly believe that each of us is entitled to what the Declaration of Independence calls "unalienable Rights."

Each of us wants to be free to enjoy the benefits of Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness, but are we really free to do that? If we are so free, how is it that our prisons are exploding with overpopulation? How is it that despair runs rampant throughout our society? Why are our courthouses and schoolhouses guarded with metal detectors? Why are people harming themselves and each other in all sorts of ways, including but not only with drugs, alcohol, and sexual abuse?

The Apostle Paul, writing in the Book of Romans, said, "The Law has shown me that something in me keeps me from doing what I know is right. With my whole heart I agree with the Law of God. But in every part of me I discover something fighting against my mind, and it makes me a prisoner of sin that controls everything I do." The Bible says what each of us knows in the bottom of our hearts, that even though we are free politically, we are still not free to enjoy Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness, simply because we have declared ourselves to be.

The Bible tells us that if we are controlled by the sinful nature, the sinful passions will bear fruit for

death. Jesus said, "Out of your heart come evil thoughts, murder, unfaithfulness in marriage, vulgar deeds, stealing, telling lies, and insulting others. These are what make you unclean." When we find ourselves doing things we know we should not do, it is not the devil who makes us do it, it is our own sinful nature.

The disparity we encounter is that the Declaration of Independence is a political document. Political documents cannot set people free. They are very handy for establishing nations, as we have seen; but they are useless for setting people free, as we have experienced.

Janis Joplin sang that "freedom's just another word for nothin' left to lose." But that's not true. "Nothin' left to lose" is not freedom, it is poverty. Jesus told us what freedom really is. He said, "If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." Freedom is not "nothin' left to lose"; freedom is everything to gain; living a real life in obedience to God's will.

There is a true Declaration of Independence which does set people free. It is declared each time a person declares himself of herself dependent upon the grace of God by accepting Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. When a person becomes a Christian by accepting Jesus, the Holy Spirit gives that person the power to overcome their sinful nature. One of the "fruits," or evidences, of the Holy Spirit's presence in a person's life is self-control. Instead of being controlled by the sinful nature, for the first time in our lives, we are actually self-controlled. Then we are really free.

The 1776 document also says that, "A Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people." The sinful nature is such a prince, and it is not fit to be the ruler of any person who would truly like to be free. Jesus said, "I tell you the truth. Everyone who sins is a slave to sin." Paul wrote in the Book of Romans, "Who will rescue me from this body that is doomed to die? Thank God! Jesus Christ will rescue me." Jesus also said, "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Weekly Calendar Of Events From Agawam Congregational Church

Independence Sunday will be observed on July 2nd at the Agawam Congregational Church (745 Main Street, Agawam). The newly-called Senior Pastor, the Reverend Earl E. Eisenbach, will be delivering a message entitled "The American Hour." The pledge of allegiance to the American flag will be led by Al Peckham. The lay reader will be Warren Tapply. The Congregation will pray for the community, our country, and the world. The minister of music, Ellen Cogen, will play "God Bless America," with a solo sung by Warren Tapply. There will be a special activity for children during the service and child care for small children. A fellowship hour follows the service.

This year's Vacation Bible Camp, "Family Ties," will be held from July 24th through July 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. To register, please call the office at 786-7111, or Suanne Hansen at 786-6660.

Men are invited to join the Men's Prayer Time, which meets at 7:45 a.m. each Tuesday morning. We read from the devotional guide "Upper Room" for meditation and discussion, with time for coffee and fellowship.

The Appraisal Fair will be held on September 1st from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

2001 Costa Rica Tour: Anyone interested in a guided trip to Costa Rica in the early part of the year, please call Bill Martin at 789-1063 for more information.

Third Annual Baseball Trip: Norwich Navigators (Yankees) versus Altoona Curve (Pirates) on Sunday, July 16th, at 1:00 p.m. If you are interested, please call Bill Martin at 789-1063.

For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

News & Notes From Feeding Hills Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday Service of Worship begins at 9:30 a.m. for the summer. Rev. Donaldson will be away this Sunday. Diane Ball will take his place as our worship leader. Connie Haynes will be Lector. Ushers will be Bill and Kathy Rose. Children are invited to worship with adults.

On the first two Sundays in July, we will have a special offering to "Strengthen the Church." As Christians, we are called to support new and developing churches. A large portion of our offering will go to pastoral leadership subsidies that will help local congregations get started. Another portion is used as a resource for all United Church of Christ congregations to support their ministry and missions. The July newsletter will contain more information about this special offering. If you cannot be in church on the two collection days, you may mail a contribution to the office: P.O. Box 264, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

During the months of July and August, the office will be open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. The church office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th.

Holy Communion will not be served on July 2nd, but will be served instead on July 9th.

All Confirmands should mark their calendars and plan to attend a sleepover at the church scheduled for Friday, July 14th. The festivities will of course include a midnight run for doughnuts!

During past visits to Washington, D.C., members of our confirmation class have enjoyed the hospitality of friends from St. Stephen's UCC in Cascade, MD. On Friday, July 21st, those friends will arrive here for a weekend visit. Anyone interested in offering a place for them to call home for a few days is asked to call the office or Rev. Donaldson.

On the calendar:

Sunday, July 2nd: 9:30 a.m., Worship led by Diane Ball; Strengthen the Church Offering; 12:00 noon-8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption

Tuesday, July 4th: Office closed; 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Thursday, July 6th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Church of Redemption Bible study

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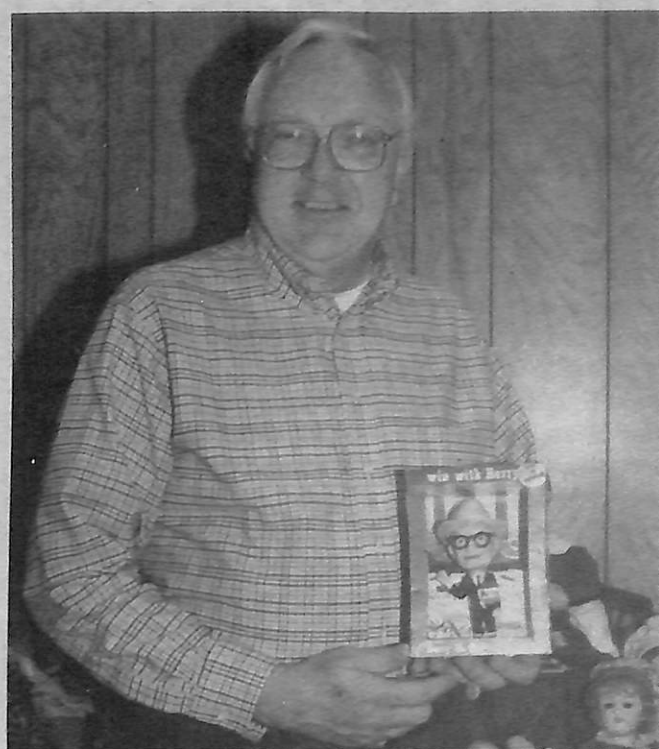
Doll/Tea Party New Tradition At 1st Baptist



THE AGAWAM FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH recently held its first annual "Doll & Tea Party" as a fundraiser, with next year's "party" already slated for March 24, 2001. IN THE PHOTO ABOVE: Showing off some of their prize possessions at the party are (back row, from left) Marjorie Greenough and Lorie Baker, and (front row, from left) Peggy Magovern, Chris Losito, Hope Paradysz, and Barbara Wright. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



BARBARA WRIGHT, HEATHER NEWMAN, ELLEN SAFFORD, AND JUDY NEWMAN in front of a doll display that was brought to the "Doll & Tea Party" by Judy and her daughter, Laurel. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.



BOB MAGOVERN shows off his Barry M. Goldwater doll as he stands in front of his wife's doll exhibit. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

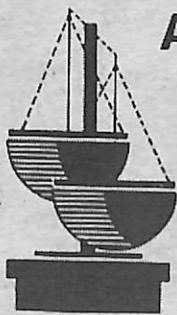


HEATHER NEWMAN (above) made "crepe paper" dolls at the "Doll & Tea Party." Pictured below are three of her creations. Advertiser News photos by Kathy Shepard.



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MOTOR VEHICLE NEGLIGENCE Wrongful Death - Collision With Motorcycle

The plaintiff's decedent was a 28 year-old landscaper. The defendant made a left-hand turn into his driveway, "cutting off" the plaintiff's motorcycle and causing him to slide head first into the rear of the defendant's car, where he struck his head. The plaintiff died three days later, never having regained consciousness.

The defendant was charged with negligent homicide but found not guilty at the time of the criminal trial. However, in the civil trial, the plaintiff engaged an accident reconstructionist who was able to demonstrate that the defendant may have been negligent at the time of the accident, and also cast doubt on the veracity of the sworn testimony of the defendant at the time of his criminal trial and during his civil deposition. The case was complicated, however, by the fact that the plaintiff's accident reconstruction expert opined that the plaintiff's decedent was traveling at least 10 miles an hour over the speed limit.

It was the defendant's contention that, inasmuch as the plaintiff's head struck the right rear of the defendant's car after it had turned, had the plaintiff been going 10 miles an hour slower, his head would have missed the defendant's car and he would not have suffered the fatal head injury.

The plaintiff's decedent left one heir, an eight year-old son who was born out of wedlock and never resided with the plaintiff's decedent.

The case was settled approximately one week after the final pretrial conference for the sum of \$500,000.00.

Attorney Alan L. Ferrigno maintains an office at 546 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. If you have a legal question, Attorney Ferrigno will attempt to address the same in this column. Please send any questions to the address listed above.

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MINIMIZE THE NUMBER OF SMALL CLAIMS YOU FILE ... on your auto or home insurance. Insurance companies are more likely to cancel your policy or raise your premium substantially if you file several small claims than if you file one large one. Shop smart: since you won't be filing smaller claims, take a higher deductible to reduce premium costs.

TO TEACH YOUR KIDS BETTER MONEY MANAGEMENT ... do not give them money whenever they want it ... that teaches them that money comes from a bottomless well. Start allowing them to spend their own money about the time they enter first grade or as they learn to read. Helpful: give kids their own allowance weekly, mark it on the calendar, and tell them that is all they have to spend.

GARDEN CARE ... prune dead or damaged branches; water drought-stressed trees generously (even after leaves fall).

Keenan & Molta Assoc. Reports Sales Increase

The first part of the new millennium has been very profitable for **Coldwell Banker Keenan & Molta Associates**. The company has seen a sizable sales increase, as others in the region report a decline.

Sales for Keenan & Molta Associates have **increased 16%** so far this year. This, as the Greater Springfield Association of Realtors reports a 2.2% decline in sales. This disparity is revealed in comparative sales figures for the same time period in 1999 and 2000: January 1st to May 31st.

THE BIGGEST CAUSE OF HOME FIRES IS CARELESS COOKING ... don't store items such as potholders and dish towels on top of stoves or pour water on grease fires (cover the pan) or use appliances with frayed wires or wear very loose clothes while cooking.

DOWNSIZE YOUR CELEBRATIONS ... to remove the meaningless and costly commercialism. Our ancestors did not buy lots of toys for children at birthdays and holidays, or purchase large diamond engagement rings or create bridal registries. Learn the simpler ways special occasions used to be celebrated, and revive some of that simplicity for yourself and your family. Helpful: put spending limits on gifts, limit the number of gifts given, and spend more time together instead of doing more.

WAYS TO MAKE FAMILY VACATIONS FUN ... stay relaxed. Don't try to do too much in too little time. Spend time doing little things ... taking walks or watching special programs. Do not overspend or overschedule ... the most valuable gift you can give a child is time together. Pick one activity a day to do with him/her, such as making a photo album. Consider a change-of-scene vacation near home ... stay overnight at a nearby hotel.

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Molta goes on to say that the company's new web site, www.keenanandmolta.com, will only add to its success. "Log on and look for virtual home tours, as

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Top 10 Dollar-Wise Vacation Planning Tips (Part I Of II)

At last, it's the long-awaited vacation season. With it comes an opportunity to explore what the world has to offer without concern for day-to-day responsibilities.

If your vacation plans include striking out on a family adventure, you're not alone. In fact, the Travel Industry Association of America reports that last year an estimated 93 million American adults took a family vacation. Whether you're still planning this year's getaway, or if future excursions are on your radar screen, consider these 10 dollar-saving tips for creating an enjoyable experience.

1. Plan ... plan ... plan. Vacations are periodic expenses and should be part of your regular budgeting process. For future trips, estimate what you spend on vacations each year and divide that number by 12. Then plan to save that amount each month.

2. Allow for incidental expenses. When estimating your vacation costs, don't forget about expenses like gas, pet boarding, tips, etc. They can add up surprisingly fast.

3. Do your homework. Contact the local chamber of commerce or visitors' bureau in the areas you plan to visit. They can help you find free or low-cost entertainment and activities that can enhance your vacation experience and keep your budget on track.

4. Search for travel bargains. Use a travel agent who understands your needs and is working to make sure you get the best deal. You can also find bargains on the Internet, but, in either case, you may want to avoid booking packages with cancellation fees. If you find a better deal and want to make a change, penalties add up quickly when you are traveling with a family.

5. Be flexible. If you have the luxury of a flexible schedule, you may be able to snag a last-minute flight to a number of destinations at a bargain price. Known as "fire sales" in the travel industry, flights with space remaining are often booked at far less than retail prices to fill them.

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Peter Pan Announces RiverBus 2000

Peter Pan has launched its "RiverBus" tours along the Connecticut River for the 2000 season, and is introducing several new themed summer evening cruises.

The narrated tours are now in operation weekdays, Monday through Friday, at 12:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., and 4:15 p.m. On Saturdays and Sundays, an additional 10:15 a.m. departure is available.

In June, July, and August, Peter Pan is offering a new series of themed cruises, including Fifties Night on Fridays at 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. (\$9.95 per person) with music from the rock and roll era; a River of Blues Cruise (\$15 per person) on Fridays, departing at 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. with live blues music provided by "Sweet Daddy Cool Breeze"; an Irish Cruise and dinner (\$26.50 per person) on Saturdays at 6:00 p.m.; and a Jambalaya Cruise (\$14 per person) on Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. with Zydeco music and Cajun cuisine.

The RiverBus will again feature Mexican Cruise and dinner on Thursdays during the summer months, departing at 6:00 p.m. (\$26.50 per person) with dinner at Nana O'Leary's Restaurant.

A historical and environmental narration provides an entertaining and educational experience for passengers on the regular daily tours of the RiverBus. Tickets are \$9.95 for adults, \$5.95 for children aged three to nine; and free for children three and under.

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mailed to those business owners who show exceptional patriotic display of the flag.

If you would like to know more about proper flag etiquette, please contact the Veterans' Services office at 786-0400, ext. 236.

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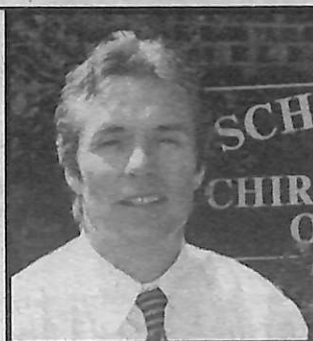
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ANSWER: Yes! When you say drastic, you are so right. Any surgery is a radical procedure and must be done only after more conservative methods have failed.

Experts have questioned whether the findings necessarily relate to patient complaints, and whether they are responsible for increased surgery. A study in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, "Magnetic Resonance Imaging Of The Lumbar Spine In People

Without Back Pain," examines that question.

The study did MRIs on 98 people without symptoms and discovered a high prevalence of disc bulges, protrusions, and extrusions. With the results of two readings averaged, 52 percent of people without symptoms had a bulge of at least one intervertebral disc; 27 percent had a protrusion; and one percent had an extrusion. Thus, 64 percent of these people without back pain had a disc abnormality, and 38 percent had an abnormality at more than one level.

While surgery may be recommended following a positive MRI scan, it is wise to remember that surgical intervention (especially in the spine) is to be considered a radical procedure, and should be performed ONLY as a last resort. Only rarely is it necessary for a patient to undergo surgery.

Conservative manipulation (adjustments) performed by a qualified doctor of chiropractic continues to be reinforced as the first path of treatment before most other forms of treatment. Should alternative treatment be needed, your chiropractor will refer you to the appropriate physician.

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Diabetes Information Program Scheduled At Mercy Hospital

Newly diagnosed diabetics will benefit from "Know Diabetes, Know Yourself," a free educational program offered by the Joslin Diabetes Center affiliate at Mercy Hospital.

The next series will take place Monday-Thursday, July 10th-13th, from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St. Topics

include an introduction to diabetes, dietary guidelines, a review of diabetes medications, and an overview of complications related to the condition.

Registration is required; call Mercy Hospital's Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024, and leave your name and telephone number.

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Weldon Center Sponsors Chronic Pain Support Group

The Weldon Center for Rehabilitation at Mercy Hospital sponsors a free Chronic Pain Support Group for sufferers, their families, and friends. The next meetings will be conducted July 11th and 25th, 1:00-2:30 p.m., in room 224 of the Weldon Center, 233 Carew St.

The group is led by Glenn Fagen, Ph.D., a clinical neuropsychologist at the Weldon Center. Dr. Fagen will discuss new technologies, theories, and treatments for chronic pain; participants will have the opportunity to share experiences and learn pain management techniques.

For more information, call Dr. Fagen, (413) 748-6996.

Diabetes Support Group To Meet On Wednesday, July 5th

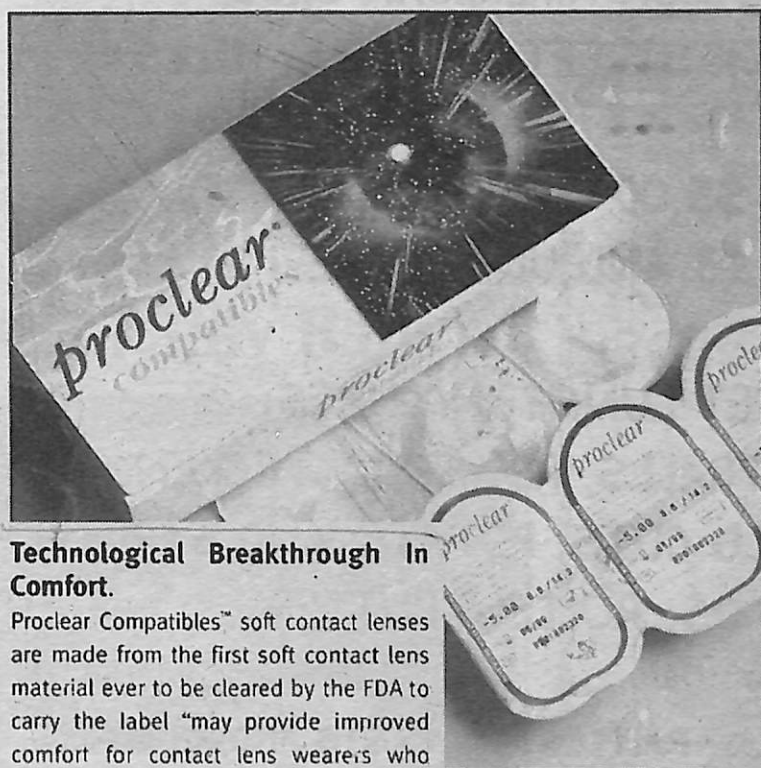
Persons with diabetes and their families can find information, understanding, and inspiration at meetings of a new group sponsored by the Joslin Diabetes Center affiliate at Mercy Hospital.

The support group's next meeting will take place Wednesday, July 5th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St. The free sessions offer an opportunity to share questions and concerns with health care professionals and others with diabetes; a variety of topics will be presented monthly.

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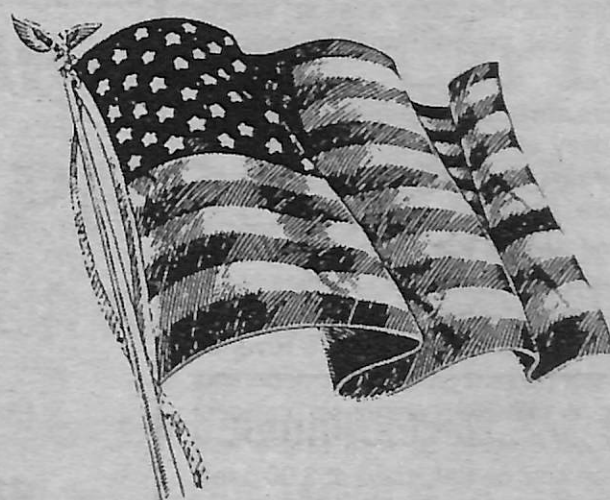
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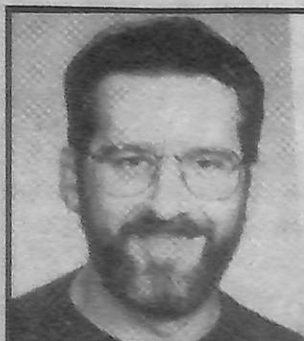
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Father's Day Continues

Last week I raised the questions, "Is Father's Day over? And what if we said, 'Let's not say it's over!' What if we were to daily honor, not only our dads, but what stirs within you and me when we feel our dads in us?"

Well, someone took the idea seriously and said for themselves, "Father's Day is not over." In the process of writing a letter (nearly two weeks after Father's Day) to and about her husband "the dad," she directly bumped into her own relationship with her father. She wrote about this relationship as well, but asked that I not reprint that portion of her letter concerning her dad, yet I could comment on it if I elected. She was very open, however, to me reprinting her thoughts and feelings regarding her husband.

If I could take a brief moment before continuing with excerpts from her letter, I'd like to simply express my thanks to this and other authors who have taken time to respond over the past year-and-a-half of my writing this column. I deeply appreciate the consideration and time it takes to put your reflections down on paper or by e-mail, as well as leaving a quick message via phone. I admire your courage to risk putting yourself out there (albeit for the most part anonymously). I support your continued commitment to your self and willingness to be provoked and challenged by what I offer each week.

"When I think of you - you as a father ... nurturer of our children, so many things come to mind. I see you as ... teacher, counselor, friend, playmate, cuddler, reader, listener, provider, etc.

As I think of you in these aspects, so many examples come to mind. I really enjoy remembering these thoughts and special times. You have most importantly been there to make these times special. You have been a beam of light in our children's journey. You continually encourage them to come to know the world and themselves in it.

I am very thankful for your presence and I can continually see the fruits from all the love you give them. I consider myself very fortunate that I am in a relationship where you are so present with yourself, most of the time. This allows and encourages our children

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and me to be free to have ourselves and truly celebrate our lives!

Thank you for your good example! This is not the model of a man nor dad that I grew up with ..."

The good news about dads today is that they are participating in their children's lives more than the former generation. The culture, economics, and expectations for parenting have changed over time. The benefits to children are clearly visible, as are the risks.

Greater numbers of men are celebrating being dads. They are carrying their child in front pouches, pushing strollers, coaching and attending their child's sporting events, helping out with homework, driving them here and there, caring for the ongoing maintenance of the home, all while taking their turn outside the home providing for the family.

Does this mean that all men are equally sharing these duties with their partner? Does this mean there are no "dead-beat" dads out there? Does this mean all men finally "get it" about parenting and being a dad?

I don't think so, either. There is, I believe, overall improvement and signs of hope for how dads are getting more involved. Yet, there is still tremendous pressure for men to maintain the stereotype of simply relegating childcare to women and remaining distant and busy with "men things." For me, I've been there - done that! And I never want to go back to it!

The process of being there for your child(ren) and your partner (whether married or divorced) is today's challenge. I believe an individual *needs to give themselves a healthy balance of focus on themselves in order to be really available to others.*

For those dads who do "get it," how can we celebrate them? And how are we able to face our own relationship with our dad to see and acknowledge his goodness, his best attempts at loving, and understand his struggle to be a good dad? No dad is perfect and neither are we. **Goodness is available to build upon, but it can get complicated.**

I can be reached by e-mail at dpmft449@aol.com or P.O. Box 449, Agawam, MA 01001 or by phone at (413) 789-4460. Your feedback is welcome and as always, if I reprint any or all of your material, I will not publish your name unless you specifically give me permission to do so.



Chiropractic Care

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Tidbits Of Information

Here are some interesting tidbits of information from some new research studies being conducted.

1. Researchers report that mothers who smoke during pregnancy are far more likely to experience behavioral problems with their offspring. This study of 99 mothers and their two year-old children found a fourfold increase of rebelliousness, impulsive behavior, and other parental stressors among those that smoked while carrying children. The researchers speculate that smoking influences the structure and function of the nervous system during the early stages of development, possibly interfering with fetal oxygen supply. (Another good reason not to smoke!) (Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine, April 2000.)

2. A study published in the Archives of Internal Medicine reports that vitamin C deficiency may make a person more susceptible to gall bladder disease.

3. Researchers from Finland suggests that employees who were not laid off during a company's downsizing experienced a decline in health. Psychologists studied absenteeism and medical records of 764 municipal employees who were kept on after large-scale layoffs. These workers began missing work twice as often and reported five times the number of backaches and other musculoskeletal problems. The researchers blame stresses related to increased workloads, insecurity, and changes in social relationships.

4. The Annals of Internal Medicine reports that walnuts, consumed as part of a low fat, Mediterranean-style diet, appear to help lower blood cholesterol levels.

These are interesting tidbits to ponder. Don't forget, research can be limiting at times. Take everything with a grain of salt (not literally, of course, as research has shown salt may increase blood pressure!).

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Call Barbara Boulanger, M.S.W., L.I.C.S.W., at (413) 568-2811, ext. 5809.

Diabetes Support Group: Tuesday, July 25th, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

Kelly Senecal, R.Ph., a pharmacist at Noble Hospital, will speak about herbal supplements.

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On the first, second, and third Wednesdays of every month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this support group for people who have experienced the death of a loved one within the past year. We invite all Hospice families and anyone in the community to participate.

For more information, please call Kim Cressotti, R.N., at Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services at (413) 562-7049.

Caregivers' Support Group: Wednesday, July

12th and 26th, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. In the Bronson Music Room at Noble Hospital.

On the second and last Wednesdays of every month, Noble Visiting Nurse and Hospice Services offers this group for those who are caring for someone with a life-threatening illness. Hospice families, staff, and community members are invited to participate.

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To register or obtain more information, call Noble Hospital's CPR Line at (413) 572-5172.

Summer Barbecue Safety & Preventing Food Poisoning

The warmer weather is here and your barbecue grill is getting its summertime workout once again. Whether picnicking in your backyard or at your local park, remember that proper food handling is essential since bacteria multiplies rapidly in warm weather.

To keep your picnic safe and healthy this summer, Nancy Bobskill RD, a registered dietitian from Baystate Nutrition Network at Baystate Medical Center offers the following tips to help prevent food poisoning:

- * marinate meat, poultry, fish, and seafood in the refrigerator and not on the counter, and cook it thoroughly

- * do no re-use marinade; it contains juices of the raw product

- * avoid raw shellfish such as clams and oysters which may contain viruses and bacteria that cause hepatitis

- * all perishable food should be refrigerated within

one hour in warm weather, two hours in cooler weather

- * microwave kitchen sponges on high for 30 to 60 seconds to kill bacteria.

Peter Savenko, director, Food and Nutrition Services for Baystate, says that if foods that are low in fat, low in polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and are cooked properly, they will be low in salmonella-producing agents.

PAHs are linked to an increase in stomach cancer among people who consume grilled, smoked, and cured foods on a regular basis. PAHs are found in smoke created when dripped fat hits the hot coals. To reduce the risk of PAH consumption, barbecuers should:

- * Grill only lean, well-trimmed meats.

- * Partially pre-cook meats such as chicken, raw sausage, and country-style ribs, then finish the cooking process on the grill.

- * Use lowfat or nonfat marinades to baste the meats.

- * Wrap foods in foil before placing them on the grill.

- * Use a drip pan (be sure to keep the drip pan from resting directly on the coals).

- * Dampen the coals if smoke becomes too heavy.

- * Do not char or overcook foods.

Food poisoning symptoms usually begin two hours to two days after eating the tainted food.

Seek medical treatment if you experience such severe vomiting that you become dehydrated. Most adults can handle one day without nutrition, but after that, continued vomiting requires medical attention. High fever can also indicate a more serious illness.

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Arts



Lights, Camera, ACTION!

In a recent edition of "PISANO'S PICKS" regarding the film "Fried Green Tomatoes," I questioned if people actually ate fried, unripened vegetables. Since then, I learned from my uncle, Larry Pisano, that not only did he and my aunt, Betty Ann Pisano, eat them, but they enjoyed them at the Whistle Stop Cafe where "Fried Green Tomatoes" was filmed! Consequently, I decided to write an article on films selected by my uncle. His first choice was the "Die Hard" trilogy. Since I enjoyed this great action film series, too, I am recommending it as a sure bet at the video store.

* "Die Hard": 1988, Rated R.

This film is still a fine example of a superb action film. Terrorists seize a skyscraper in Los Angeles in an effort to pull off a major heist operation. While hostages are being taken, hard-luck New York cop John McClane (played by Bruce Willis) slithers away unnoticed. The film revolves around McClane's relentless intimidation of the terrorists, especially their treacherous leader, Hans Gruber (played by Alan Rickman).

As mentioned, "Die Hard" is characteristic of the true action film genre in that it provides the essential action film qualities. These qualities are: the idolic hero, the formidable villain, seemingly insurmountable odds, and hazardous situations resulting from the conflict of good versus evil. This inclusion, in partnership with a quality script, realistic setting, and genuine character development, makes for an action film with high production value. Simply put, you will see much more than the usual main character running around with enough artillery to put a military arsenal to shame! Sadly, this is what has become of the modern-day action film genre - two hours of shooting every weapon known to mankind, with a body count higher than your average world war!

"Die Hard" is clearly an action film done right. Director John McTiernan demonstrates a knowledge of the true action genre. A witty and sharp script that even includes subplots regarding McClane's relationship with his wife, Holly (played by Bonnie Bedelia), is accentuated by Willis' intensely serious yet wise-cracking character. Also not to be ignored is the succulent and conniving portrayal of Gruber by Rickman.

"Die Hard" typifies a quality action film that should serve as a role model for other action film filmmakers. In terms of audience appreciation, there's enough addictive excitement to leave you begging for more ... a sequel, perhaps? Read on! **4 STARS.**

* "Die Hard 2: Die Harder": 1990, Rated R.

Guess who is in the wrong place at the wrong time again? Bruce Willis returns as John McClane in this worthy sequel to "Die Hard." "Die Hard 2: Die Harder" centers around a continuation of the subplot from the first film regarding McClane's wife, Holly (again played by Bonnie Bedelia). While waiting for Holly's plane to land at Dulles Airport in Washington, D.C., McClane inadvertently winds up in the center of a terrorist plot to rescue an extradited drug lord. As expected, our die-hard hero lets his curiosity get the best of him when he begins to notice suspicious activity in Dulles Airport.

"Die Hard 2: Die Harder" achieves its originality in regards to "Die Hard" for a couple of reasons. In "Die Hard," McClane tangled with terrorists unabridged, while in "Die Hard 2," airport security officials fail to heed McClane's warnings of danger until it's too late. These officials' uncooperative attitude towards McClane's righteous plan to thwart the terrorists not only produces one of the film's prevalent conflicts, but

also allows the proverbial plot to thicken as the terrorists continue their scheme without impediments. The second reason that this film is a successful sequel is because the presentation of scenes, and their specific ordering, frequently provide some unexpected but enjoyable shocks. There are a few times in this film where shocks are immediately followed by intense action sequences that keep the viewer on edge and tense. This is not a formula that was used in "Die Hard" and, thusly, helps this picture stand on its own.

"Die Hard 2: Die Harder" will grab you just as viciously as did "Die Hard." Be warned, however, that this film furthers the effect by shaking you around a little bit while its grasp is tight! You'll most likely be in worse shape than McClane after this bout, but you'll love every minute of it! **4 STARS.**

* "Die Hard - With A Vengeance": 1995, Rated R.

Well, if anyone reading this is anything like me, then I'm sure your first thought regarding this second sequel to "Die Hard" was that you could accept the same guy being in the wrong place at the wrong time twice ... but a third time?! Come on, no one would ever have to battle larger-than-life bad guys three times! Well, "Die Hard - With A Vengeance" succeeds because this is not how the events of this film unfold.

We actually see John McClane back home in New York. He has since separated from his wife (formerly played by Bonnie Bedelia). McClane is struggling to come to terms with the split, when he is suddenly the target of a madman named Simon (played by Academy Award-winner Jeremy Irons).

Simon, we learn later, is the brother of Hans Gruber (the villain from the original "Die Hard"), and he is

seeking revenge against McClane for the death of his brother at the close of the first film. Samuel L. Jackson plays Zeus, a native of the tough New York streets who teams with McClane in an effort to prevent further acts of terrorism by Simon, who is playing a deadly game of "Simon says" with the New York Police Department.

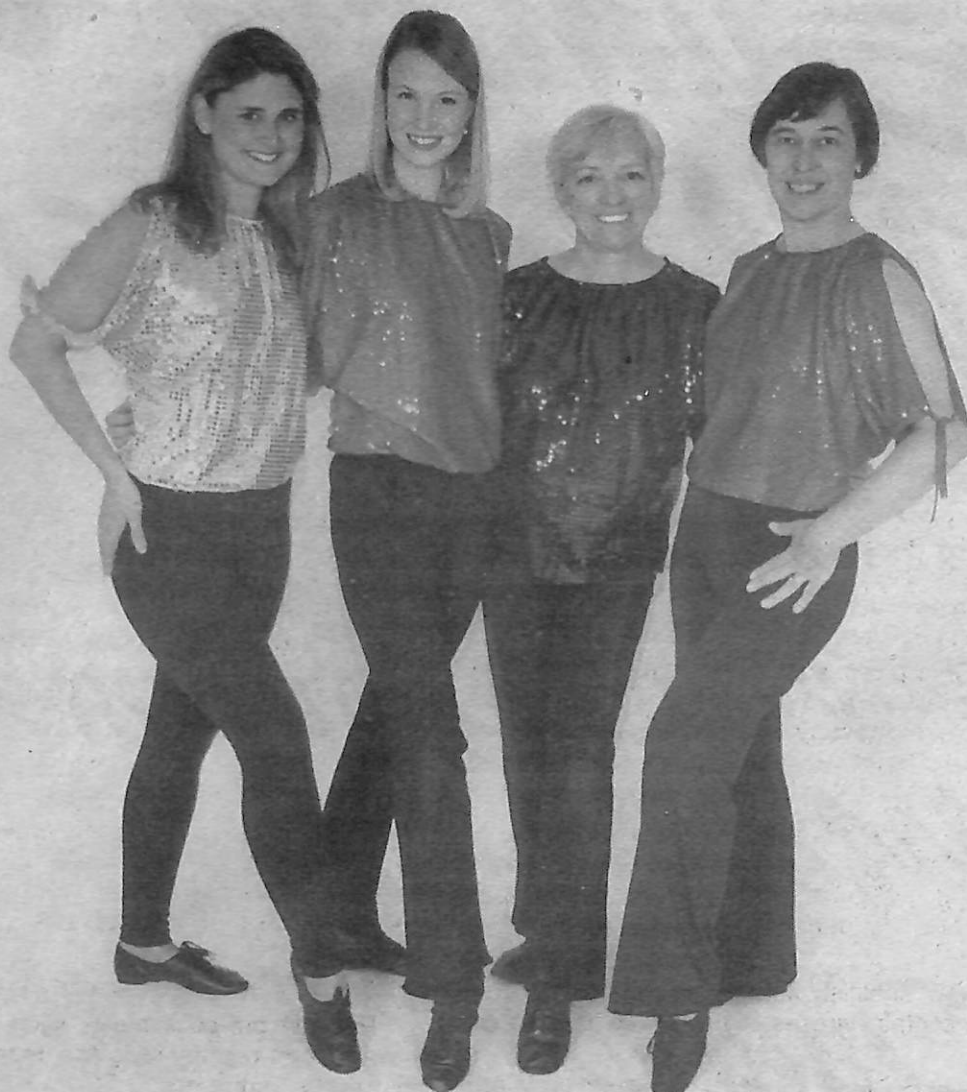
My biggest problem with the concept of this sequel was, as mentioned, the fact that it is very unlikely that McClane would happen to tangle with terrorists again. I was pleasantly surprised to learn that this time, the villain comes to McClane, unlike the previous two films in the trilogy (where McClane stumbled upon them). Original "Die Hard" director John McTiernan returns to bring back the nuances that made the first film such a crowd-pleaser. There is the same high-quality acting from a star-studded cast; wonderful special effects; and a surprisingly believable storyline. These attributes make the film fit in perfectly with the continuity of the entire trilogy.

"Die Hard - With A Vengeance" lives up to the expectations set by its predecessors. The film delivers the thrills and action on the surface while presenting a quality script underneath all the fanfare. This gives the film the depth and substance that is missed in many sequels. **3 STARS.**

* "PISANO'S PICKS" REVIEW GUIDE: **5 STARS** - Extraordinary; **4 STARS** - Excellent; **3 STARS** - Good; **2 STARS** - Average; **1 STAR** - Watchable; **0 STARS** - Avoid.

Please send comments and film requests to "The Agawam Advertiser News," Attention: Lou Pisano, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

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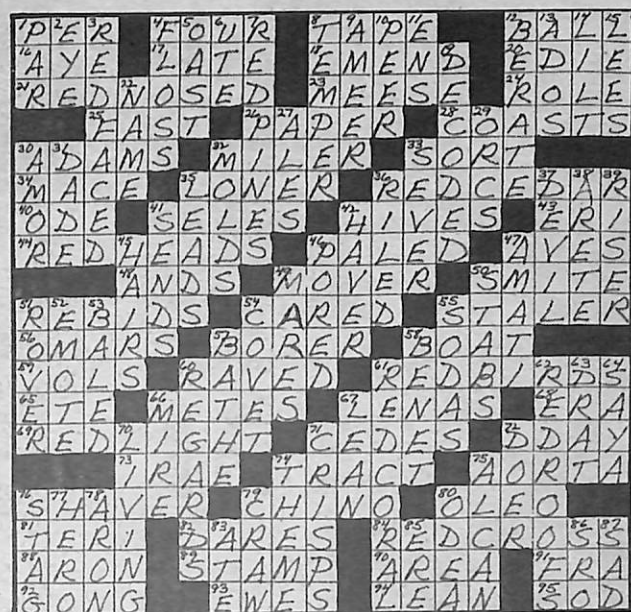
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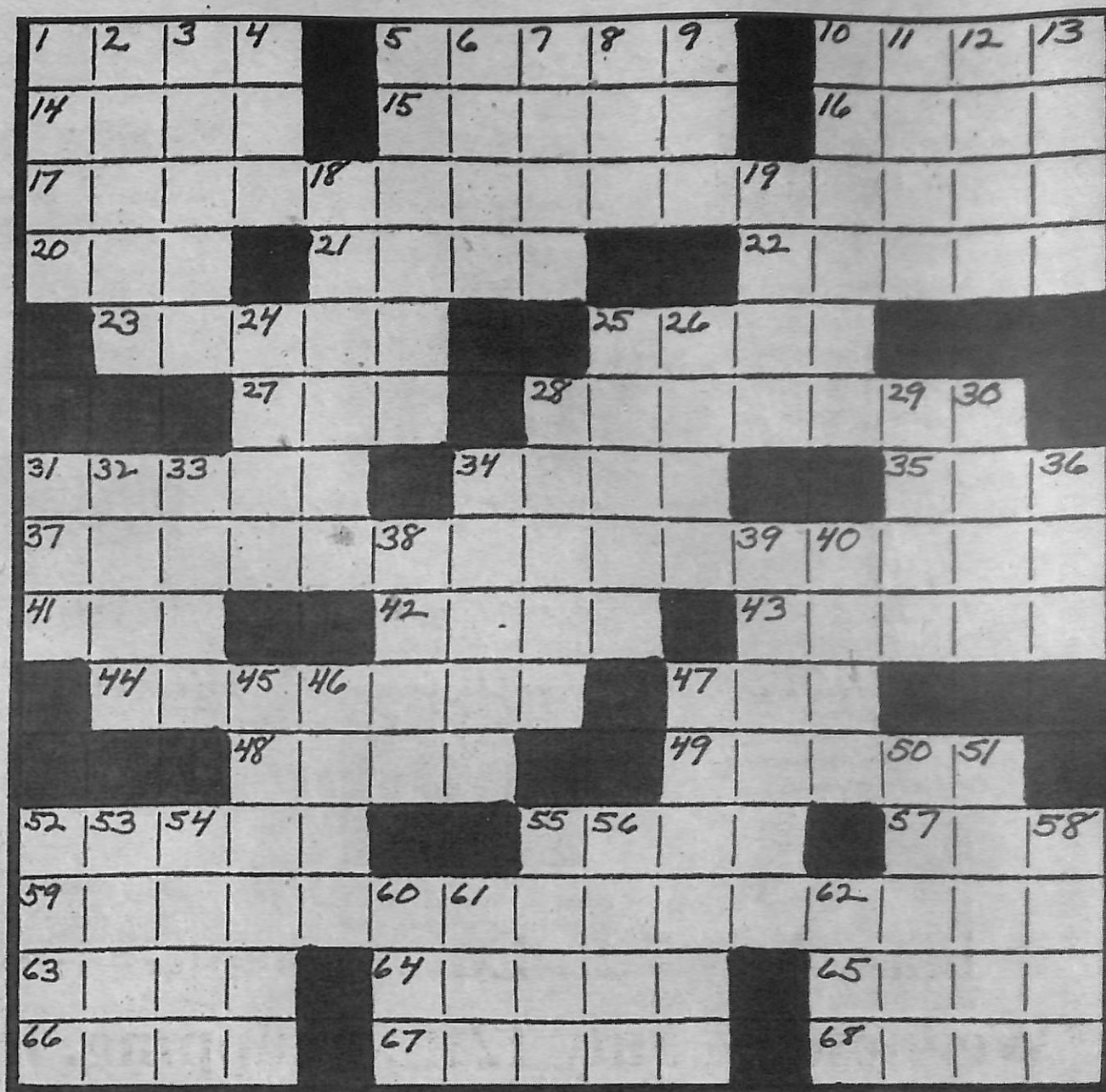
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Because of the Fourth of July holiday, our next edition will be published on Friday, July 7th; however, our office will be open on Monday, July 3rd, and we urge everyone to bring in their articles, press releases, etc., by that date.

High School Rock Bands Wanted For Battle Of The Bands

Attention all high school rock & roll bands! The Agawam Parks & Recreation Department is hosting a Monster Jam Battle of the Bands on Saturday, July 29th, from 12:00 noon to 6:00 p.m. at the Agawam High School football stadium. (The rain date will be Saturday, August 5th.)

A maximum of 10 bands will be chosen to showcase their talents and compete for prizes. The first-place band will receive \$100 in cash, a \$100 gift certificate to LaSalle Music, and three hours' recording time at The Warehouse. The second-place prizes are \$50 in cash and a \$50 gift certificate to LaSalle Music, and the third-place prizes are \$25 cash and a \$25 gift certificate to LaSalle Music.

In order to participate, bands must submit an official entry form and a 15-minute demo tape, along with a non-refundable \$25 entry fee (make checks payable to "Town of Agawam"). Tapes will be judged on their content (not the quality of the recording), and no band member may be older than 19 years of age.

Any band interested in playing at this event is encouraged to pick up an entry form at the Agawam Recreation Office, 760 Cooper Street, or at LaSalle Music, 326 Walnut Street, Agawam. All proceeds from this event are going towards the building of a new skateboard park in the Town of Agawam. Please contact Chris Sparks, Director of Parks & Recreation, at (413) 821-0514 for more information.

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This week's column will deal with steamers, cherry-stone clams, and oysters. You can head out to the North Shore of Boston to Cape Ann. Try Gloucester or Falmouth at the Cape; here you will find clams. Forget the quahogs; they are for chowder. Steamers are a sweet treat from the sea. As for soft-shelled clams, they are easy to remove from their armor. First, let's clear up a myth - stop trying to feed these things cornmeal. Just remember ... do not put them into fresh water for an extended period of time.

Get a brush and flush them with clean, sweet water. Scrub the nasties away and plunk them into the steam pot. You really clean them after they are cooked by dunking them into the broth.

Now here is the way I make steamers. I hope you like the recipes.

I have a pot made for steaming. I remove the inner section and place my clean clams in so that about two-thirds of the pot is filled. Now, in the outside pot, pour three cups of white wine. I use Gallo French Columbard, plus two tablespoons of crushed garlic, a half-cup of olive oil, a pinch of salt, and some fresh ground black pepper. When the broth starts to simmer, place your inner pot in place and cover. Just a hard simmer, not a rolling boil. In seven to 10 minutes, your clams should be starting to open and they are done. Serve with a cup of broth and a small dish of melted butter for dunking.

Now, let's rev up your engine just a little. The only difference now will be what we add to the starting broth. Add one cup of chourice, a pinch of red pepper flakes, and some parsley. This makes for a nice change of pace!

When cooking your clams inside for clams and pasta, remember, the clams are the last to go in. When they open, they are done. If you add them too soon, they will be tough. Place your garlic in as whole, peeled cloves. To taste, I like a lot of garlic; I will put in a dozen, a bay leaf, and some salt and pepper. What's more, I will place a teaspoon of red pepper flakes, some parsley, and a cup-and-a-half of white wine. When this is simmering well, add a tablespoon or two of butter. Place your clams in and cover. It will

Spfld. Symphony To Host Petting Zoo At Agawam Library

Judy Camrye, a volunteer from the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, will be at the Agawam Public Library on Monday, July 10th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m., to present a "Symphony Petting Zoo."

Participants will be able to touch and play a variety of musical instruments. This program is for Agawam and Feeding Hills children aged three through seven.

Space is limited, so please visit the library or call 789-1550 to register for this program.

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only be a minute or so. When the clams are open, the dish is ready for the table. Pour over pasta and shake on some cheese; you're ready to eat.

As for oysters, pop them out of their shells, roll in this mixture, and fry in olive or peanut oil until golden brown. Serve with a remoulade sauce as appetizers. After frying, cover with a cream sauce and cheese for Mornay, or simply put them in a dressed-up grinder roll for a Louisiana PO-Boy.

Combine 1 cup flour, a half-cup of cornmeal, one teaspoon of garlic salt, one teaspoon of black pepper, one tablespoon parsley, and a half-teaspoon of red pepper. My recipe for pan-roasted oysters is on my web site: www.foodduderadio.com.

You can use these clams and oysters in more ways than you think. Just use your imagination, and you will find plenty of recipes in your own time.

Oyster stew is a very simple recipe: cream, butter, Worcestershire sauce, some black pepper, and in go

the oysters to simmer. This is rich, creamy, and a delight to serve. Remember, it is not what you're eating or drinking; it's whom you're with.

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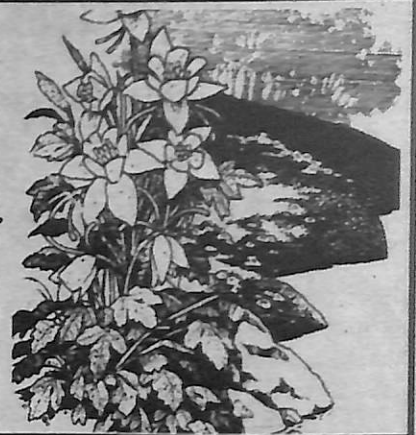
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THE FIRST GRADE CLASS OF ANNA CREAN participated in a fun science project just before the close of school. Mrs. Crean (far left, right photo) retired from teaching on the last day of school, ending a career that began in the 1960's.

“Mixing It Up” At Robinson Park Elemen. School

On June 9th, a chemistry demonstration was presented to the Robinson Park Elementary School second grade class of Anna Crean. Donna DiLullo of the Springfield College Department of Biology and Chemistry visited the class once again this year.

The students had recently completed a science lesson of the states of matter and were able to witness reactions that generated gases and solids from liquids. The students also saw how indicators are used to detect a reaction.

The students were able to synthesize slime and try their hand at alchemy by converting pennies to “silver” (actually a zinc-plated penny) and “gold” (actually a brass coating on the penny).

Mrs. Crean has retired from the Agawam Public Schools after a career that began at the former Peirce Elementary School in Feeding Hills (now the Agawam Police Station) in the early 1960's.

For photo coverage in The AAN, call 786-7747 or 786-8137; however, please give us at least 72 hours' notice prior to your event.

Locals Students Graduate From AIC Springfield

The following local students were among 382 students receiving degrees at American International College's 115th Commencement ceremony held Sunday, May 23rd at the Springfield Civic Center:

Kristen C. Mills, MA degree in clinical psychology; Joseph M. Nigro, MS degree in criminal justice; Tracy L. Plakias, BS degree in interdepartmental science; Michael J. Simpson, M.Ed., degree in secondary education.

Christopher Olson On Stonehill Dean's List

Christopher Olson of Feeding Hills, a junior, has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2000 semester at Stonehill College.

Stonehill College, a four-year liberal arts institution, was founded in 1948. The College is located on a 375-acre campus in historic Easton, Mass.

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Ag. Democrats Present Ed Caba Scholarships

The Agawam Democratic Committee recently awarded scholarships to three graduating seniors from Agawam High School. **Matthew D. Poirier** and **Mary C. Manning** were awarded the scholarships given this year in honor of the late Edward Caba, who devoted many years of public service not only to the Town of Agawam, but to the Democratic party as well.

Matthew will attend Assumption College in the fall and Mary will pursue her studies at Mount Holyoke College.

Kaleena R. Ennis, who will attend the University of Arizona, received the Valentine "Wally" Moreno Scholarship.

Local Students Graduate From Westfield State

The administration of Westfield State College has announced the names of area students who received their degrees at the recently held commencement ceremony:

* From Agawam -

Corrie Antaya, bachelor of science in movement science, magna cum laude; Tara Marquiss, bachelor of arts in psychology; Nathan Murray, bachelor of arts in mass communications; and Angelo Pananas, bachelor of arts in psychology, cum laude.

* From Feeding Hills -

Nicole Boyer, bachelor of science in education in elementary education, cum laude; Nancy Bulmer, bachelor of science in education in elementary education, summa cum laude; Sabrina Ferrari, bachelor of science in education in elementary education; Jeffrey J. Harlin, bachelor of science in business management; Kelly Liard, bachelor of science in education in special education; Susan Longtin, bachelor of arts in sociology, cum laude; Selena Machia, bachelor of arts in economics and bachelor of arts in Spanish, summa cum laude; Robin A. Magagnoli, bachelor of arts in mass communications, cum laude; Kara Maslowski, bachelor of arts in psychology; Christine Mazeika, bachelor of science in education in elementary education; Andrew Parrelli, bachelor of science in criminal justice; Brandon Parrelli, bachelor of arts in English; and Erica Pratt, bachelor of science in movement science.

Area Students Receive Expo. Area Scholarship

Andrea Prova, a 2000 graduate of Agawam High School, received the Thomas Gamelli Memorial Award, given to a student meeting scholarship fund qualifications, as part of the \$12,900 in scholarships awarded to 32 area students for the 2000-2001 academic year by the Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship Fund.

In addition, scholarships have been awarded to many students already attending college, including **Theresa Wesley** of Feeding Hills.

The Exposition Area Alumni Scholarship Fund's eligibility criteria include a requirement that students, their parents, or grandparents were raised in the Exposition Area of West Springfield. Scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors planning to attend college as well as students already attending college.

The scholarship fund's primary fundraiser, a golf tournament, will be held this year on July 9th at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course with dinner following the tournament at the Dante Club.

For information about the tournament, call Al Paier at 736-3816.



THE AGAWAM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE presented its annual scholarships recently in the name of the late Edward A. Caba. From left - Tom Leahy, scholarship committee; Marjorie Caba, Ed Caba's wife, representing the family; Mary Manning, scholarship committee chairwoman; Gina Letellier, Agawam Democratic Town Committee chairwoman; Mary C. Manning, scholarship recipient; Scott Letendre, scholarship committee; and Louis Russo, scholarship committee.



IN THE PHOTO ABOVE, from left, Tom Leahy, Agawam Democratic Town Committee member; Marjorie Caba, Ed Caba's wife; Mary Manning, scholarship committee chairwoman; Gina Letellier, Agawam Democratic Town Committee chairwoman; Matthew D. Poirier, scholarship recipient; Scott Letendre, scholarship committee; and Louis Russo, scholarship committee.

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AHS Class of 2003 Holds Car Wash



THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2003 held a fundraising car wash in front of the Sacred Heart Parish Center in Feeding Hills recently. IN LEFT PHOTO: Ashley Edmunds encourages cars to come into the lot. IN RIGHT PHOTO: class advisors Alan Cohen and Robert Janik with some of the members of the Class of 2003 who participated. Advertiser News photo by Kathy Shepard.

Agawam Junior High HONOR ROLL

GRADE SEVEN (For All Four Terms)

Nicholas Alvanos, Catherine Andrews, William Bertrand, Lynn Bovat, Barbara Brizzolari, Christine Cassidy, Patrick Conchieri, Leah Cook, Greg Donaldson, Caroline Elkins, Alex Ellsworth, Kelly Follis, Joseph Fortunato, Jordan Frederick, Courtney Garrett, Jonathan Gibbons, Meredith Goldbach, Emily Gordon, Karen Gottardi, Mary Gottardi, Jeannine Hastings, Kristan Heaton, Daniel Higgins, Alexandra Ivey, Nicholas Jacks, Stephanie Klebes, Joseph Koehler, Kristen Laliberte, Michael Landry, Bryan Lane.

James Lewin, Nathan Little, Christopher McKenney, Jennifer Montagna, Andrew Moriarty, Rachel Mozdzanowski, Sophia Nasti, Jaclyn O'Neill, Lauren Peltier, Kevin Pender, Kristen Pfau, Jessica Phillips,

Jessica Pokora, Meaghan Pokorny, Heather Rennell, Sarah Rollins, Jennifer Sacco, Matthew Sadowski, Maria Santaniello, Noelle Serafino, Emily Siedlik, Jamie Spear, Michael Toto, Erica Troy, Jeffrey Walker, Julie Wills, Nicole Woszczyna, David Zaffetti, Alyssa Zmaczynski.

GRADE EIGHT (For All Eight Terms)

Alexander Alvanos, Brian Athas, Kelly Borkosky, Katherine Bousquet, Tami Burmeister, Sara Cote, Elizabeth Couture, Aaron D'Amario, Sara Dorans, Meghan Ennis, Michelle Figella, Malerie Gardner,

Nicholas Gumlau, Sarah Huffman, Amanda Janik, Meghan Kelly, Katie Knodler, Kyle LaFontaine, Sarah Landry, Amy Lownds.

Nicholas Lyman, Michael Lynch, Tory Lyons, Joseph MacFadzen, Marc Maloney, Anthony Manzi, Pavlina Moysis, Kevin Olbrych, Allison Peters, Bethany Reid, Christopher Roos, Adam Roy, Sara Skolnick, Megan Smith, Kristen Sopet, Emily Sussman, Alissa Tully, Jessica Tully, Eva Udobina.

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GRADE FIVE

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Christopher Ghidoni, Paul Glantz, Laura Gomes, Thomas Goodrow, Nicholas Goss, Caitlin Grimaldi, Brittany Gutowski, Analysa Haupt, Karyn Heaton, Emma Hendry, Nathan Higgins, Randolph Holmes, Natalie Honsinger, Caitlin Hurley, Samantha Impionbato, Bradley Johnson, Samantha Justilian, Justine Kedzior, Jessica Kodess, Nicole Kozikowski, Courtney Kraus, Megan Lalli, Gregory Lane, Joseph Lepianka,

Rebeca Lewin, Samantha Lisee, Jennifer Lough, Kathryn Lynch, Laura Lyons, Kelly MacIntyre, Brittany Margiotta, Ashley Martin, Jocelyn Mason, Christina Maynard, Robert McTaggart, Brittany Michel, Adam Moore, Erica Morris, Kirsten Murphy, Jeffrey Nation.

Molly Nowill, Amelia O'Hare, Sarah O'Neill, Kaitlin Outhuse, Julie Parisien, Lindsey Pfau, Nicholas Pioggia, Adam Plante, Kelly Poirier, Matthew Poirier, Jason Polek, Kurt Ripke, Amanda Ripolone, Myungsun Ro, Matthew Roberts, Sarah Roos, Rebecca Rosenberg, Nicholas Rossi, Bryan Roy, Danielle Russo, Joseph Scafuri, Meaghan Serra, Nickul Shah, Heather Smethurst, Catelyn Smith, Lauren Sotolotto, Joseph St. John, Brendon Struck, Erin Theriault, Kathleen Thibodeau, Caitlyn Tierney, Victoria Tran, Paul Trimboli, Shaun Troy, Gyslain Turgeon, Daniel Williamson, Ashley-Anne Wolos, Michael Yo, Timothy Zucco.

GRADE SIX

Angelina Barbarisi, William Barker III, Thomas Barnes, Justin Belden, Alexandra Bertagnolli, Michael Blanchard, Christopher Blanchette, Gabrielle Brown, Sarah Bulmer, Emily Cassidy, Justin Chretien, Daniel Cirillo,

Nicole Cirillo, Sierra Close, Sherrice Colburn, BrianLee Costello, Laura Cote, Alycia Cove, Nicole Cristelli, Chantel Cuddemi, Alison Dassatti, Lauren Davis, Erica De Barge, Andrea Desrosiers, Nicholas Dimaio, Alexis Dumas, Brendan Ennis, Michelle Epaul, Nicole Frazier, Cassie Freeman, Alexander Friedrich, Stephanie Gamelli, Tiara Ghedi, Ashley Guyer, Alicia Holl, Justin Howe, Heather Kauffman, Amber Keller, Faith King, Elizabeth Klimczak, Johannah Kos, Christine Kretschmar, Kelse LaPlante.

Rebecca Largay, Lindsie Lavin, Monica Lefebvre, Morgan Leos, Michael Longhi, Mia Lovechio, Nicholas Lovotti, Julianne Lucas, Erica Lyman, Sarah Mac Fadden, Angela Mancini, Kari Marceno, Danielle McCaslin, Alan Mesick, Luca Mineo, Jonathan O'Brien, Jason Olbrych, Matthew Oleksak, Alison Pariseau, Nicole Payeur, Christin Peters, Justin Pitoniak, Nicholas Pokora, Kara Powell, Ashley Proulx, Erika Prouty, Laura Provost, Caitlin Ranstrom, Joseph Reutt, Nathan Rheault, Kevin Roberts, Carlo Ronca, Matthew Sabola, Shelley Schiveley, Thara Sekkal, Katelynn Springer, David St. John, Jr., Svetlana Surzbukov, Ashley Tinnirella, Nicholas Vershon, Mitchell Vi Vinzio, Julie Warchol, Matthew Zordani.

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GRADE EIGHT (For All Four Terms)

Neil Donah, Jennifer Epaul, Casey Federico, Erinn Gormley, Amanda Hamel, Daniel Korney, Rebecca Leupo, William Loong, Dina Lukina, Stephen Lynch, Christina Metcalf, Peter Midura, Laura Pedersen, Erin Richardson, Brian Santos, Anthony Sapelli, Ashley Velosky, Michael Weinle.

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AFCV Looking For Host Families

AFCV, an international organization, is looking for American families in the Springfield and surrounding areas to welcome French teenagers into their homes for three weeks during this summer.

Two sessions are scheduled: **July 6th through July 25th** and **August 3rd through August 22nd**. Some activities will be organized and supervised by their French leader three to four times a week for the students during the visit. Families need not speak French to have a visitor, as these are teenagers who have studied English and expect to use their English skills.

AFCV is dedicated to the cultural and linguistic development of young people through international travel. They specialize in school group and individual exchanges throughout Europe and are now providing opportunities in Canada and the United States.

Open your door to this exciting and unique cultural experience for your family. Contact our local organizer, Lara Zana at 786-1899 or e-mail her at ahi@map.com.

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Sign Language Camp To Be Held Aug. 7-11

A "Sign Language For Beginners" Camp will be held from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., August 7th-11th, 127 James St., Feeding Hills. Lessons will be taught by Susan Michalak (references available) at a cost of \$44 per student (materials included).

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"The Gold Twins" Of Feeding Hills



EDITH STEIN & LAURA JEAN DIFLUMERA, members of The Pioneer Valley Special Olympic Swim Team, tied for the gold medal in the 25 meter backstroke at the Special Olympics recently held in Boston. Congratulations, ladies.

Swk. Park & Rec. To Hold Field Hockey Clinic

The Southwick Park & Recreation Commission will sponsor a Field Hockey Clinic Monday, July 17th through Friday, July 21st from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at the Southwick-Tolland Regional High School field.

The cost of the clinic will be \$30 per player. You must be an incoming sixth-ninth grade student. The clinic is available to Southwick students as well as surrounding towns. Players should plan to bring a mouthguard, shin pads, and water.

Coaching the clinic will be Marcy Coviello, a former varsity field hockey player, a graduate of STRHS and four-year college player at Clark University, as well as the current junior varsity coach at STRHS. Assistants will also include former varsity field hockey players from Southwick.

A pizza party will take place on Friday at the end of the session. For additional information, contact Theresa Hall at 569-0217.

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM TOR-2000-6

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 36 ENTITLED SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES (Sponsors: Councilors Servis, Mineo, Perry)

WHEREAS, Because it was in the best interest of the Town of Agawam, an ordinance which prohibited smoking in certain public places was enacted; and

WHEREAS, One of the main purposes of said ordinance was to prohibit smoking in establishments which served food for consumption; and

WHEREAS, The original ordinance imposed unanticipated restraints on licensed tobacconists whose sale of prepackaged foods such as gum, mints, etc., was incidental to their main business.

NOW THEREFORE, The Agawam Town Council hereby amends Chapter 36, Section 3A(2) as follows:

- Delete - Retail Tobacco Stores not selling food.
- Add - Retail Tobacco Stores whose sale of

prepackaged food items or beverages is incidental to their main business.

Add - Sec. 36-1 - Definition - Retail Tobacco Store is defined as a store whose primary sales are tobacco products and related items.

Dated this 21st day of June, 2000.

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Robert A. Magovern,
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Thomas S. Locke,
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LEGAL NOTICE

Jason Bassett Joins U.S. Army Reserve

Jason A. Bassett has joined the United States Army Reserve under the Delayed Training Program.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay reporting for basic military training for up to 270 days. An enlistment in the Reserve gives many new soldiers the option to learn a new skill, serve their country, and become eligible to receive more than \$7,000 toward a college education, \$20,000 for repayment of college loans, and a maximum \$5,000 cash bonus.

After completion of basic military training, most soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

The recruit qualifies for a \$3,000 enlistment bonus. Bassett will report to Fort Knox, Kentucky, for basic training July 13th.

He is the son of Jane M. Bassett of 26 Park St., Chicopee and Gregory A. Bassett of 53 Sheri Lane, Agawam.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Agawam Public Schools, Department of Special Services, hereby notifies individuals, who were formerly enrolled in special services and terminated prior to July 1, 1995, that their special services records will be destroyed fourteen (14) days from the date of this publication. Anyone who wants their records must notify Agawam Special Services, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam, Massachusetts 01001, in writing by July 13, 2000. After July 13, 2000, the records will be destroyed. Published: June 29, 2000.

Because of the Fourth of July holiday, our next edition will be published on Friday, July 7th; however, our office will be open on Monday, July 3rd, and we urge everyone to bring in their articles, press releases, etc., by that date. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter

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Please bring a canvas bag, box, or pillowcase to decorate. This program is open to Agawam and Feeding Hills residents aged 10 and up. (You did not have to attend the Introduction to Babysitting to sign up for this program.)

Please call 789-1550 or visit the library to register by July 5th.

Westfield Head Start Taking Applications

Westfield Area Head Start is now recruiting children to participate in the program for the 2000-2001 school year. Head Start is a family-oriented preschool for low-income and working families and offers four-hour school-year classrooms as well as full-day/full-year child-care.

Westfield Area Head Start currently operates centers in Westfield (562-0586), West Springfield (746-3847), Agawam (789-1784), Southwick (569-1275), and Blandford (848-1444).

Call the center nearest you for application information.

Our classified ads cost just \$10 per week for 30 words or less; however, we DO NOT take them over the telephone.

Please mail them (along with payment) to P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

Danielle DiStefano On Edicott College Dean's List

Endicott College is pleased to announce that Danielle Rose DiStefano, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Philip DiStefano of Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List for Spring, 2000.

In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5.

DiStefano is a four-year student majoring in

Psychology/Education.

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Sports

Spring Sports Night Held For AHS Teams

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

They held the Spring Athletic Awards Night up at Agawam High School last Thursday evening (June 22nd). Athletic Awards Night (honoring the fall, winter, and spring sports) is the brainchild of Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney, and has been around for a couple of years now. It has been held in Kibbe Gym, out on Harmon Smith Field, and this time, in the cafeteria.

Once again it was successful and a lot of fun, with most of the athletes and many of their parents in attendance. Also, there were the distinguished guests: Mayor Richard Cohen, Superintendent of Schools Frank Ameruso, plus members of the School Committee. McSweeney hosted the affair.

Each spring sports team from the freshman, junior varsity, and varsity levels was honored. Some of the kids got certificates, while others got the coveted big orange-and-brown letter "A" for their accomplishments.

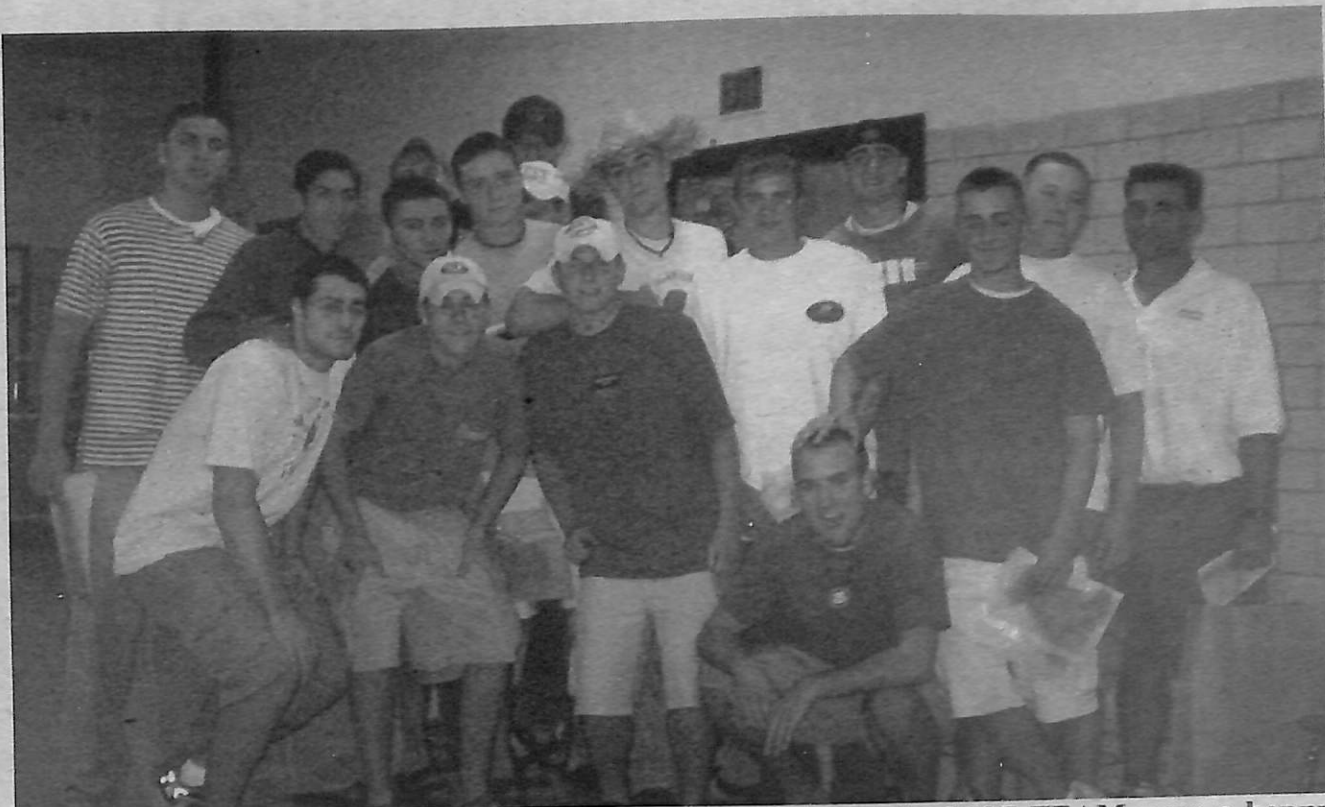
None of the spring teams was able to bring Agawam a Western Mass. title this year. Neither did the fall or winter competitors, for that matter, which made it the first time in a long time no bunch of Brownies took the top prize in this part of the state.

But the kids and their coaches did the best they could, made us proud, and once again brought to mind that great old adage: *"When the one great scorer comes to write against your name, he marks not that you won or lost, but how you played the game."*

Baseball was first. Last year's Western Mass. champs went three deep into the playoffs before losing to the eventual champion, Cathedral, in the semi-finals.

Boys' lacrosse was next. They were the Valley Wheel champions and the third seed in the playoffs, losing in the first round to sixth-seeded Northampton. But Coach Nick St. George was proud of his kids, noting that four years earlier when they became a varsity-

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH BOYS' VARSITY LACROSSE TEAM were a happy bunch at the Annual Spring Sports Night. The team won the regular season league title in 2000.

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GIRLS' TENNIS COACH MARY WOLOCHOWICZ presented awards to her spring 2000 team at the Annual Spring Sports Night at Agawam High. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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ty sport, they went 0-13 and have come a long way since then. They finished up at 11-7 this season.

Girls' lacrosse was next. They have had great success in the four years Coach Cindy Grieve has been at the helm, making the playoffs each of those seasons. "Cindy didn't know much about the game when I asked her to lead the team, which was new at the time. But she learned fast and has had some great results," McSweeney said. The girls, seeded fifth, went into the playoffs with a 10-6 record, but suffered a first-round loss to top-seeded Longmeadow (the Western Mass. champs).

Softball, one of the most honored of all of Agawam's sports, was next. In her 11-year tenure as varsity coach, Deb Lickley has led her club into the playoffs 10 times, with a Western Mass. title two years ago. This year, they were the sixth seed in the playoffs, beating number 11 Northampton before losing to third seed and eventual Western Mass. runner-up, West Springfield, in a quarterfinal battle.

Boys' and girls' tennis then took the spotlight. McSweeney noted the contributions of Mary Wolochowicz, who has been the girls' tennis coach at AHS for 24 years.

Boys' track, which went 4-5 this year, was also recognized. Among the kids on that team, senior Justin Mercieri was honored by Coach Bill Dillon as the team's outstanding athlete. The girls, who went 7-2 and are looking forward to an even better 2001 because of an outstanding freshman class, were next. Because of their performances, many of those freshmen won varsity letters.

Boys' volleyball, which won the Southern Division with a 9-1 record (12-8 overall), was last but not least. In only their second year of varsity competition, they went to the tournament for a second time, losing to top-seeded Minnechaug in the first round.

According to Coach Pat Demers, the team (despite losing some top seniors) has a good nucleus coming back, so the good times should continue.

Then the captains of all the teams were honored. McSweeney thanked them for their leadership throughout the season. "We know many of you were seniors, and it's sometimes hard to concentrate on your sport when there are so many things going on as you prepared for the next level. But all of you gave it your best. We thank you," she smiled as the audience gave them a big send-off.

After the ceremonies (which, at one point, included



THE AGAWAM HIGH GIRLS' TRACK TEAM enjoyed a strong season in 2000. The girls registered a 7-2 regular season mark before finishing fifth overall in the 17-team Division I Western Mass. Tournament. The team received accolades at the Annual Spring Sports Night. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL FIELDED many strong teams in the spring 2000 season, and the captains of the various sports teams (pictured above at the Annual Spring Sports Night) were part of that success. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

the singing of the school song), the kitchen staff served up burgers, hot dogs, chips, soda, and dessert. And the summer was unofficially underway for our Agawam spring athletes. We thank you," she smiled as the audience gave them a big send-off.

After the ceremonies (which, at one point, included the singing of the school song), the kitchen staff served up burgers, hot dogs, chips, soda, and dessert. And the summer was unofficially underway for our Agawam spring athletes.

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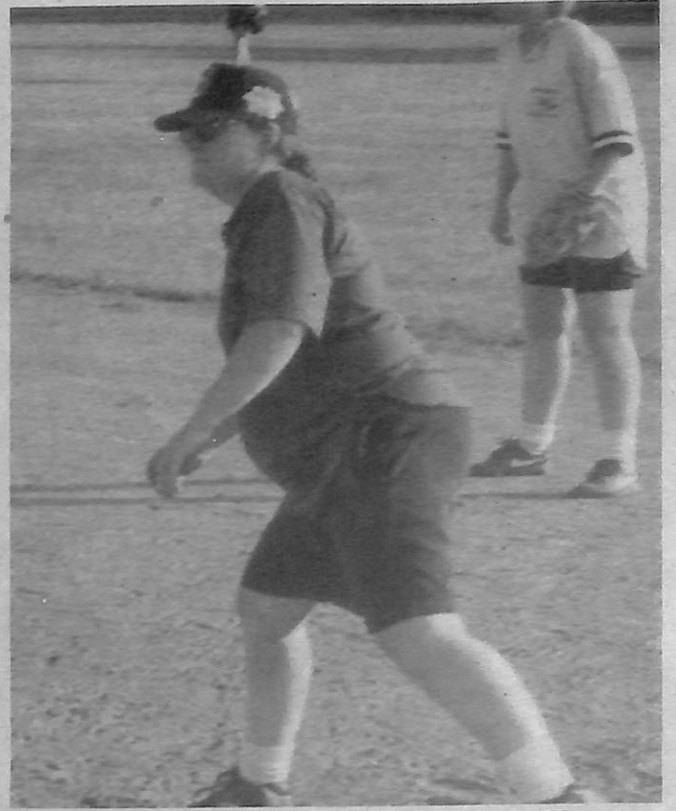
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IN LEFT PHOTO: Members of the Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Softball League at the Annual All-Star Game, which took place at Harmon Smith Field on Wednesday, June 21st. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Agawam's Terry Reese is ready to leave first base during the All-Star Game. Advertiser News photos by Dave Rollins.

Slo-Pitch Softball...

A New Twist To Agawam's All-Star Game

Courtesy Of Larry Wilson

The Agawam Women's Slo-Pitch Softball League added a new and exciting twist to its Annual All-Star Game held last Wednesday, June 21st, at Harmon Smith Field. This time around, the Agawam stars hosted a team of standouts from the West Springfield Women's Slo-Pitch League.

Sometimes, All-Star Games can be a snooze; not this one. It was well-played and well-organized by Linda Wilson and myself, Bumper Donahue, and other women's slo-pitch officials, and it went 12 tense innings before the folks from across the river prevailed, 13-12.

Some called this game "Dust Bowl 2000" because of the brisk wind on the sunny day that whipped up the clay topping on the field into tiny maelstroms. Aggressive play on both sides also had something to do with the flying dirt.

But here is "the rest of the story." It was another renewal of that age-old rivalry between the two towns. This was the first time in memory a women's softball game has been played between teams from each other's slo-pitch league. So, these women initially appraised each other on the windswept heights of Harmon Smith. Maybe, they had just been passing acquaintances as they went about their day-to-day business up to that point. But after this one was done, they definitely knew and had high praise for each other.

The festivities began with the traditional introduc-

tion of the teams. Linda and I served as masters of ceremonies. After the introductions and a short prayer, West Springfield's Deb Blanchard brought the big crowd to its feet with an outstanding a cappella rendition of the National Anthem. Then the fun began.

Jeanne Lempke began her longer-than-expected tour of duty on the mound for home-standing Agawam. The defense, led by Yvonne Percy and Sue Kravitz, stepped up. Also figuring into the fray were outfielder Cathy Jacobs, infielder Maria Grasseti, and Dawn Flagg at first base.

Sandy Marini was on the hill for West Side. Elsa Martinez, Jeanne Biuso, Carol Appleton, Jess Turner, and Deb Munger were part of the defense behind her.

Runs came both one at a time and in bunches for both clubs. Diane D'Amours had a two-run homer for the visiting all-stars. It was tied 5-5 after six.

Dean Martin, in one of his songs, said, "Memories are made of this." Indeed, memories were made on this day at field number two. How about Chloe Berard (Agawam), who will be remembered for her spectacular outfield play? They will also recall Lynn Kelleher, Dawn Franklin, and Beth Pajak, who finished the pitching job for West Springfield.

Who will the guest all-stars keep fondly in mind?

How about Vicky Hance and her work in left-field, Yvonne Percy, Sue Kravitz, Alyson Manning, and Sue Cook, who stepped her game up another notch? Then there was Jane Smith with her perfect slide at home.

Who can forget the emotion and excitement of Coaches Bill Ryan and Bumper Donahue, along with the crowd-pleasing effort and enthusiasm from the all-stars on both sides - ladies young and the not-so-young? The multitude of spectators (into things from the get-go) had to appreciate everyone's commitment to an event we hope will continue for many years to come.

Also to be commended are the umpires, Mike Carter and Wayne Smith of the U.S.S.A., along with the work of the Agawam Parks & Recreation Department (under the direction of Chris Sparks and Michael Piccin) in the preparation of the field. West Springfield's Eric Fish also gets a tip of the cap.

It was a wonderful evening, with superlatives for everything maybe not enough. In the end, the words "hard-fought," "clean," and again, those "memories" come to mind, along with new friends met and admired. And, by the way, these women "did it their way."

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Season Review At AHS...

JV Softball Had Another Stellar Spring

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The Agawam High junior varsity softball team posted a 14-4 record this past spring season. At the recent AHS Spring Sports Night, varsity Coach Deb Lickley praised JV Coach Lynda Kunasek for sending up polished kids who are ready for competition at the next level.

Kunasek took a look at the troops she commanded this time around. "You know, I was tired going into this softball season. I'd coached JV soccer and freshman basketball and was coming off back surgery. It was tough. But the kids made it all worthwhile," she told us.

There is no doubt some of her charges will go up next year. But she admitted with only three varsity players gone due to graduation, and with so many veteran players returning to the varsity in 2001, the battle for jobs will be intense.

Catcher **Nicole Gutowski** was just a freshman, but the coach calls her a pure hitter. With perennial All-Western Mass. catcher Dianna DiStefano gone, Gutowski could be the heir apparent behind the plate. Sophomore **Alyssa Goodrow** was Gutowski's back-up. Sophomore **Kate Dubay** and junior **Jen Gensheimer** shared the first base duties. They'll have a tough battle unseating freshman starter Vicky Taylor



MEMBERS OF THE 2000 Agawam High junior varsity girls' softball team recently completed a successful 14-4 season. Pictured with Coach Lynda Kunasek (standing, far right) are Aimee Beaudette, Jamie Borkosky, Amanda Brown, Danya DeCoteau, Kate Dubay, Jen Gensheimer, Alyssa Goodrow, Nicole Gutowski, Erin Jackson (co-captain), Emily Lapins, Shauna Malanson, Kristina Midura, Jen Pietroniro (co-captain), and Kristen Strole. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

on the varsity.

Two freshmen shared time at second base - **Aimee Beaudette** and **Emily Lapins**. "Even though they were just freshmen, they both fit in and the other girls accepted them, especially when they saw them play," Kunasek noted.

The JV shortstop was **Amanda Brown**, a sophomore. "Amanda is a natural at that position," the coach said.

Another kid who fit her position was co-captain **Erin Jackson**, a sophomore at third. The other co-captain, junior **Jen Pietroniro**, is an outfielder. Both drew praise from Kunasek. "They kept us together through unselfish play and all-around hustle."

The outfield was capably patrolled by freshman **Kristen Strole**, sophomore **Shauna Malanson**, and another sophomore, **Jaime Borkosky**.

One of the team's strengths was the pitching of two sophomores, **Kristina Midura** and **Danya DeCoteau**. "They alternated starts. Each one of them has separate qualities. Kristina is a fastball pitcher. Danya isn't quite as quick, but has a little more experience," Kunasek noted.

In the end, she admitted that the varsity level is a brave new world for the JV's. "We have to be careful and not send a kid up there that really isn't ready, even though they might seem to be," she cautioned, then added, "A kid's confidence can really be ruined if that happens."

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Legion Baseball...

Agawam Falls To West Springfield, 12-6

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For a while late Monday afternoon up at Harmon Smith, Agawam Legion Post 185 looked to have its first win hung up in the left-hand column.

But its 4-0 lead after three innings quickly evaporated under a torrid, two-inning West Springfield Legion attack (five in the fourth, and six more in the fifth), resulting in a 12-6 loss and a record of 0-6.

Lefty Ben Lapins got the call. Despite four walks over two innings, he held West Side scoreless and hitless before leaving after the second. Agawam scored a run in the first. Brandon Donovan drilled a one-out triple into the left-centerfield gap for a stand-up triple, then came home on a passed ball.

Agawam added three more in the third. Southwick's Joe Truschelli walked to lead things off. Mike Hill singled sharply to right-center, sending Truschelli to third. Hill then stole second. There were two on and one out for Bryan Carney. The Agawam second baseman topped a spinner down the third-base line.

Truschelli was on the move from the corner. The throw, on the fielder's choice, went home. But West Side catcher Dan Burns couldn't handle it, and Truschelli scored on the error while Carney reached first and Hill made it to third. Carney, with Nick DePalma up, stole second on a delay. West Side cut off the throw and went back to the plate. But Hill, on the move, did a hook slide at home for a score.

DePalma walked.

A passed ball saw Carney at third and DePalma on second. Agawam's third run of the inning came when Bill Campana (on the Brownies' junior varsity squad last season) rapped a slow roller to second, sending Hill home.

Jack Pearson, who'd come on to pitch the third, had dropped the side in order, but he ran into some fourth-inning problems. Two walks, two hit batsmen, and two singles saw the visitors send nine to the plate for five runs and a 5-4 lead. Agawam, much as it had done in its previous game against East Longmeadow, wouldn't roll over.

Donovan, who would have three hits on the afternoon, singled. Pearson then tripled to left, sending Donovan home. There were two outs when Carney pushed a slow roller towards third. Pearson was on the move as the throw went to first. Carney just beat it as Pearson crossed the plate. It stood 6-5, Agawam, after four.

West Side Puts It Away...

West Side put it away in its half of the fifth, scoring six runs when Pearson walked the first three batters he faced, then gave up a single, double, and another single for four runs.

Pearson's dad, Murray, was coaching this day and decided he'd seen enough. Pearson got the hook and

Corey Federico came on. Federico, a catcher by trade, gave up a double for another West Springfield run (charged to Pearson), then dusted the next kid for the second out of the inning. The next hitter belted a triple to right for another score, then kept going past third with the notion of a homerun.

He was gunned down at the plate on a nice 9-3-2 relay. But the damage had been done. Agawam, down 11-6, failed to score in the bottom of the fifth.

West Side rung up another run in the top of the sixth. By that time, the sun was setting behind some storm clouds, so the umpires ruled the game a six-inning affair.

Agawam couldn't do anything with its at-bat, though, and it ended 12-6, West Side, which went to 3-3-1.

AGAWAM STATS: Chechile - 1-4; Donovan - 3-4, 3 B, 2 B, 2 RS, 1 SB; Pearson - 1-2, 3 B, 1 RBI, 1 RS; Truschelli - 0-3, 1 RS; Hill - 1-3, 1 RS, 1 SB; Carney - 1-4, 2 RBI, 1 RS, 1 SB; DePalma - 2-3, 2B; Campana - 1-4, 1 RBI; Lapins - 0-1; Federico - 0-2.

PITCHING: Lapins - 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 4 BB, 2 SO, 0.00 ERA; Pearson - 2-1/3 IP, 5 H, 10 R, 10 ER, 5 BB, 2 SO, 30.00 ERA; Federico - 1-2/3 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 3 SO, 4.20 ERA.

WEST SPRINGFIELD: 12 R, 7 H, 2 E, 5 LOB; **AGAWAM:** 6 R, 10 H, 1 E, 12 LOB.

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Legion Baseball...

Agawam Loses A Close One To East Long., 9-8

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

If you're looking for next year's Agawam High boys' varsity baseball team this summer, you'll find some of them on the town's American Legion club. Last Saturday (June 24th), they hosted and lost, 9-8, in eight innings to the East Longmeadow post. But it was a dogfight all the way.

Coach Paul Federico had seven Brownies show up for this game, including his son, Corey, Brandon Donovan, Tony LeClair, Shawn Mercadante, Mike Hill, Bryan Carney, and Ben Lapins. They all played, some at new positions.

Joe Truschelli, who played for the Southwick-Tolland Regional High School Rams this season, was on the mound for Agawam. Truschelli is a tall left-hander built like John Rocker (physically, not mentally, I might add). He has a fastball, a curve, and a change.

Truschelli got the side in the first, with the help of a nice play turned in by Hill in centerfield (who gunned down a run at the plate after fielding a double). Agawam couldn't score in its half of the first.

EL got on the board with two in the second as Truschelli ran into some control problems by walking four, which produced a run. A two-out single with the bases full produced the other. The former Ram got out of a two-down, bases-loaded jam with a fly out to center.

Agawam, which went into the game with a record of 0-4, came back for two in the bottom half of the inning. Sean Mercadante, playing second, led off with a double down the third-base line. Hill flew to right. A Baltimore chop by rightfielder Sean Duvall sent Mercadante to third. Lapins was next. Lapins, you

might remember, is an excellent left-handed pitcher for the Brownies who went down with tendonitis for most of the 2000 high school season.

Lapins was the leftfielder this day. He drove a ball to right, which was mishandled. That error drove in Mercadante. Truschelli (hitting in the number-nine hole) then doubled, sending Lapins home to tie the score at two.

EL got two more in the third on an error, a walk, a single, and a balk. Down 4-2, Agawam came back again with three more at its at-bat. Donovan, playing short, led off with a walk. LeClair, playing first, singled to right-center, giving the hosts two on with no outs. Mercadante laid down a sacrifice bunt to advance the runners. Hill rapped a low liner to short right-center, scoring Donovan. LeClair legged it into third while Hill took second.

Duvall slapped a ball to second. The fielder's choice to first saw LeClair score. Lapins then singled in Hill. Truschelli struck out to end the inning. But Agawam enjoyed a 5-4 lead.

The fourth was scoreless. EL got on in the fifth on a blown pick-off play. Agawam came up empty. They went into the sixth tied at 5-5.

A Surprise Move...

In what seemed a surprise move for any Brownie fan who'd watched the team during the high school campaign, LeClair came on to pitch, with Truschelli moving to first. After getting a ground out to start things off, LeClair gave up a single and a walk. After a strikeout, he was burned by a triple to EL designated hitter Jeremy Sawyer, which produced two runs.

LeClair ended the inning with another strikeout.

Still, Agawam refused to roll over. After Lapins fanned to start the home half of the sixth, Truschelli singled and stole second. Kelleher popped to first and Truschelli took third. Federico (who was playing third) walked, putting men at first and third with one down.

Donovan stalked to the plate and drilled a single to left, driving in Truschelli. Federico ended up at second. LeClair would get his second hit of the game, a sharp single to right-center, which was good enough to get Federico home (tying it up once more, at seven).

The seventh was scoreless and it went to extra innings.

EL would get two in the top of the eighth. And once again, it was up to Agawam's offense to come back one more time. Things started out well when Truschelli slammed a leg-job homerun to right-center (his third hit of the game), closing the gap to 9-8, EL. But two fly balls and a lineout to short saw Agawam on the short end of the final score. Agawam fell to 0-5. East Longmeadow went to 2-3-1.

AGAWAM LEGION STATS: Kelleher - 0-4; Federico - 1-4, 1 RS; Donovan - 1-4, 1 RBI, 1 RS; LeClair - 2-4, 1 RBI, 1 RS; Mercadante - 1-4, 2 B, 1 RS; Hill - 1-3, 1 RBI, 1 RS; Duvall - 1-3, 1 RBI, 1 RS; Lapins - 1-4, 2 RBI; Truschelli - 3-4, 2 B, HR, 2 RBI, 2 RS, 1 SB; Carney - 0-1.

PITCHING: Truschelli - 5 IP, 6 H, 5 R, 3 ER, 7 BB, 4 SO, 4.20 ERA; LeClair - 2-2/3 IP, 3 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 4 BB, 4 SO, 10.52 ERA; Kelleher - 1/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 0 SO, 0.00 ERA.

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Connecticut River Still Holding Stripers

Area fishermen are finding that the striper run in the river is still alive and well. Although we are nearing the end of the best action of the year, it's not too late to enjoy some great action.

The best way that I have found to catch them is to get a supply of live herring and keep them in the livewell. Use a small chartreuse willow leaf with a 1/4 oz. sinker about 18 inches up the line. Catch 10 or 12 herring and hook them through the eye socket with about a 7/0 live bait hook. I now have started using the circle hooks, as the chance of gut-hooking a fish is much less.

When setting the hook with circle hooks, you simply tighten the line without hauling back and setting the hook as you ordinarily do. Done correctly, you will have a higher percentage of hook-ups and will usually hook the fish in the corner of the mouth.

If you can afford the luxury of a Shimano Bait Runner reel, the 4500 series is ideal. I prefer using the new Berkley Whiplash line in the 50-pound test. This line has zero stretch and is the diameter of 12-pound mono.

A heavy freshwater spinning rod or a light salt water spinning rod rounds out the outfit. Don't go too light, however, because the chance of a 40-pound fish does exist and is not out of the question!

Saturday's early morning trip up the Connecticut River to the mouth of the Chicopee River yielded plenty of herring in the 10- to 12-inch class. If water conditions permit, travel upstream as far above the 391 bridge as you dare. (THIS CAN BE HAZARDOUS WATER FOR THOSE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE AREA.)

Rather than anchoring, try drifting with the current. Pay close attention to what the herring is doing in the water. When a big striper is about to have your bait fish as a snack, the herring will often become frantic and try to leap out of the water. This is usually followed by a sizable (hopefully) swirl and at least a 50-foot run-off of line.

HE'S BACK ON THE AIR!

Agawam native Al Gag is back on the air with his fishing show, but this time it will air on Channel 40. After about 10 years on the "other station", Gag says

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he switched to a more "sportsman friendly" broadcasting company.

The fishing show will make its debut on July 6th at 5:30 p.m. and will be repeated on Friday morning during the 5:30 a.m. news segment.

GREATEST CATFISH TOURNAMENT ON EARTH SETS DATES

Al Gag announced that the annual Catfish Derby to benefit Muscular Dystrophy will be held on the night of July 22nd and the wee morning hours of July 23rd. There will be over \$7,000 in cash and prizes available for lucky fishermen. More details later.

FISH REPORTS FRESH WATER

In addition to the above-mentioned striper report, Jones Ferry Marina passed the word that some great stripers are being taken by anglers launching their boat at the ramp there. In fact, one of the premier spots in the Holyoke stretch is just below the docks for the Marina and the Pirates Cove Restaurant. The Enfield Dam and the waters to the south are producing fine catches of big stripers. Live herring are the bait of choice, with Gag's Mambo Minnow being one of the most effective lures being used.

Congamond Lakes and Hampton Ponds are giving up some beautiful big largemouths. Kurt over at Saunders Marina tells us that anglers using slow-rolling spinnerbaits along with crank baits are scoring. Trout fishing has slowed, but deep trolling is producing fish for those with both patience and downriggers. Of course, lead core and wire line are also working well.

Quabbin Reservoir is giving up some nice lakers and the smallmouth action is reported to be hot.

SALT WATER

Surf fishermen are hitting some decent bass all along the Cape and the Islands. Rhode Island jetty jockeys report good action at Charlestown, Quony, and Wickabog Breechways. Beach access is closed to vehicles until after Labor Day, but some of the deeper pockets from East Beach to Watch Hill are producing fish.

Fluke fishermen are reporting improving action all along the coast. Bucktail jigs with a live mummichog or a Mario strip are producing some decent catches.

Reports are coming in of some bluefish action off of Block Island on the Eastern ledge. Some smaller blues reportedly have shown up at the mouth of the Connecticut River in Old Saybrook.

Cod trips on the party boats are still producing some fine catches, weather permitting. Hake, wolf fish, and pollack are being taken in the same areas. Dog fish are showing up in greater numbers, so not every wreck of ledge will be holding cod.

Fitness First To Hold Vicki Sleeper Golf Tournament

On Saturday, July 15th, Fitness First will hold its eighth Annual Vicki Sleeper Memorial Golf Tournament at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield. All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the New Beginnings woman's shelter in Westfield. The tournament is in memory of Fitness First's former Aquatic Director, Vicki Sleeper, who died as a victim of domestic violence in 1992.

The entry fee is \$75 per person and includes 18 holes of play, one cart per twosome, lunch, steak dinner, golf balls, tees, and a ticket for the giant raffle. The field is limited to 80 golfers, so interested persons should register early.

Fitness First still has some openings for hole and tee sponsors at \$50 each (includes signage). Interested businesses or individuals that would like to sponsor a hole or tee should contact Denise Moffatt at Fitness First.

Dinner-only tickets may be purchased for \$20. Dinner will be served under the tent at Shaker Farms around 7:00 p.m.

Applications are available at Fitness First in Feeding Hills and Nevada Bob's in West Springfield. If you would like to sponsor a tee or green or have an application sent/faxed to you, please call Fitness First at 786-1460 or email www.fitnessfirsthealthclub.com.

Basketball World Day Camp To Host NBA Coaches & Scout

Basketball World will conduct basketball day camps at Suffield Academy, August 7th-11 and at Suffield Conference Center, August 14th-18th.

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Instead, you should look at the ball and then start thinking about the shape of the shot you're trying to hit. Visualize it flying toward its target. That way you'll avoid any obsession with staring at the ball.

Because of the Fourth of July holiday, our next edition will be published on Friday, July 7th;

however, our office will be open on Monday, July 3rd, and we urge everyone to bring in their articles, press releases, etc., by that date. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter - ADVERTISER NEWS!



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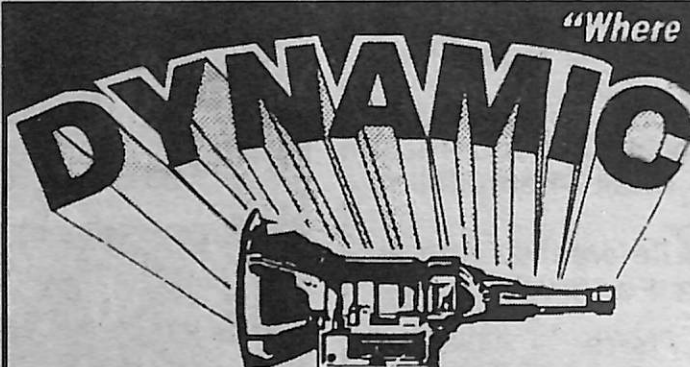
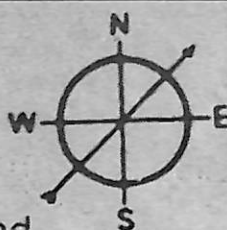
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